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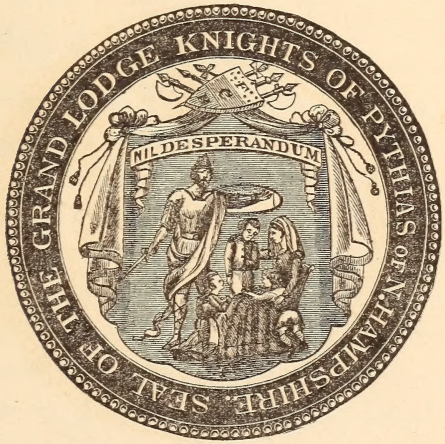
GRAND LODGE

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

INCLUDING THE REPORTS OF ITS GRAND OFFICERS, AND EXHIBITING THE GROWTH OF THE ORDER IN THE STATE, FROM ITS ORGANIZATION, OCTOBER 20TH, 1870, TO THE CLOSE OF THE ANNUAL SESSION, FEBRUARY 13TH, 1873.



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CHARTER:

SUPREME LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

KNOW YE, That the Supreme Chancellor and Officers of the Supreme Lodge of the World, Knights of Pythias: Having received an application in due form, to institute a Grand Lodge in the State of New Hampshire, and reposing full confidence in the virtue, integrity and faithfulness of said petitioners, doth grant this Charter to our worthy and well-beloved Brothers, Venerable Grand Patriarch Moses A. Perkins, Grand Chancellor Stillman S. Davis, Vice-Grand Chancellor Joseph T. S. Libby, Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe Joseph L. Dow, Grand Banker Samuel F. Murry, and their successors, to constitute said Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of said State, and Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

And the said Grand Lodge being duly and lawfully formed and constituted, is hereby authorized and empowered to organize Subordinate Lodges in its own jurisdiction, in conformity to the laws established by the Supreme Lodge of the World, and govern

said Lodges according to the intent and meaning of the laws of the Order, as promulgated by the Supreme Lodge.

And the said Grand Lodge of the State of New Hampshire doth solemnly promise to act according to the instructions of this Charter, until it is revoked by the Supreme Lodge. In default thereof, this Charter may be suspended or taken away at the pleasure of the Supreme Chancellor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto subscribed our names, and affixed the seal of the Supreme Lodge, this 20th day of October, A. D. 1870, and of the Order the Sixth.

ATTEST, SAMUEL READ,

SUPREME CHANCELLOR.

[SEAL.]

CLARENCE M. BARTON,

SUPREME REC. AND COR. SCRIBE.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

MANCHESTER, October 20th, 1870.

By directions received from the Supreme Chancellor, SAMUEL READ, the Past Chancellors of the following Lodges met at Memorial Hall, for the purpose of organizing the GRAND LODGE, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The following Lodges were represented, viz: Pioneer Lodge, No. 1; Swamscott Lodge, No. 2; Granite Lodge, No. 3; Merrimack Lodge, No. 4; Nashua Lodge, No. 5, and Olive Branch Lodge, No. 6.

The meeting was called to order at 11 o'clock A. M., by D. G. C., William R. Patten.

Supreme Chancellor READ, of New Jersey, and D. D. G. C., O. W. YOUNG, of Massachusetts, were present.

Past Chancellors H. J. B. Hudson, of No. 1, and S. C. Clatur, of No. 3, were appointed Committee on Credentials.

Past Chancellors S. S. Davis, of No. 5, J. T. S. Libby, of No. 6, and J. L. Dow, of No. 3, were appointed Committee on Constitution.

Past Chancellors John O. Davis, of No. 1, T. B. Hoyt, of No. 2, F. E Hart, of No. 3, S. F. Murry, of No. 4, G. F. Shedd, of No. 5, and J. F. Seavey, of No. 6, were appointed Committee on Nominations.

The Committee on Credentials reported the receipt of Past Chancellors' certificates, properly attested, as follows:

Pioneer Lodge, No. 1.—W. A. Frye, O. H. Copeland, John O. Davis, C. H. Trickey, H. J. B. Hudson, Charles E. Tasker.

Swamscott Lodge, No. 2.—Moses A. Perkins, T. B. Hoyt, R. H. Perkins, Albert Janvrin, J. C. Allard.

Granite Lodge, No. 3.—Joseph L. Dow, Timothy W. Challis, G. A. Craig, Silas C. Clatur.

Merrimack Lodge, No. 4.—William R. Patten, Samuel F. Murry, Samuel Webb Shepard, Daniel S. Holt, R. A. Challis, J. B. Judkins.

Nashua Lodge, No. 5.—Stillman S. Davis, M. N. Young, G. F. Shedd, Guy W. Latham, C. T. Ridgeway, Ivory Harmon.

Olive Branch Lodge, No. 6.—J. Frank Seavey, Joseph T. S. Libby, James A. Horne, Sidney W. Towle.

The Grand Lodge Degree was then conferred upon the Past Chancellors above named.

Past Chancellors Stephen C. Amsden, of No. 3, and George W. Gray and Jacob H. Blaisdell, of No. 6, were reported absent. Rising Sun Lodge, No. 7, was not represented.

Voted, That the Committee on Nominations be instructed to nominate two candidates for each office.

The Committee on Nominations reported the following nominees, viz:

For G. V. P., Moses O. Perkins, of No. 2; William A. Frye, of No. 1.

For G. C., T. W. Challis, of No. 3; S. S. Davis, of No. 5.

For G. V. C., J. T. S. Libby, of No. 6; O. H. Copeland, of No. 1.

For G. R. and C. S., H. J. B. Hudson, of No. 1; Joseph L. Dow, of No. 3.

For G. B., J. F. Seavey, of No. 6; S. F. Murry, of No. 4.

For G. G., C. H. Trickey, of No. 1; C. T. Ridgeway, of No. 5.

For G. I. S., T. B. Hoyt, of No. 2; F. E. Hart, of No. 3.
For G. O. S., O. P. Prall, of No. 2; J. O. Davis, of No. 1.
Voted, That the report be accepted.
Voted, That a recess be taken until 2½ o'clock, for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The meeting was called to order at the appointed time.

Voted, To proceed to the election of officers. The following were declared elected:

G. V. P., Moses A. Perkins, of Exeter, No. 2.
G. C., Stillman S. Davis, of Nashua, No. 5.
G. V. C., Joseph T. S. Libby, of Dover, No. 6.
G. R. and C. S., Joseph L. Dow, of Manchester, No. 3.
G. B., Samuel F. Murry, of Manchester, No. 4.
G. G., Charles H. Trickey, of Newmarket, No. 1.
G. I. S., Frank E. Hart, of Manchester, No. 3.
G. O. S., John O. Davis, of Newmarket, No. 1.

The above officers elect were duly installed by the Supreme Chancellor.

G. C., Stillman S. Davis, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution, made his report, which was accepted.

Voted, That the Constitution be read and referred to a committee, to report at a meeting to be called to take final action thereon.

Part of the Constitution was read, when on motion further reading was dispensed with, and after considerable discussion it was voted that the Constitution be taken up, article by article, and considered.

Articles 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were then read and adopted.

Upon motion it was voted to strike out that part of Article 6, Section 2, which required the G. C. to call the V. G. C. to his chair, when he wished to speak on a question before the Lodge.

Voted, To take a recess until 7½ o'clock, P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The meeting was called to order at the appointed time.

Past Chancellor O. P. Prall, of Swampscott Lodge No. 2, being in waiting, his credentials being properly attested, was introduced and obligated, and received the G. L. degree.

On motion of the G. V. P. it was voted that a committee of three be appointed to ascertain the expense of forming the Grand Lodge, and to assess the Subordinate Lodges therefor.

Moses A. Perkins, of No. 2, J. F. Seavey, of No. 6, and T. W. Challis, of No. 3, were appointed, and the committee made the following report, which was accepted:

Your committee have attended to their duty, and beg leave to submit the following report: That each Subordinate Lodge be assessed the sum of thirty dollars, ($30.00) for the purpose of defraying the expenses of instituting this Grand Lodge.

(Signed,) MOSES A. PERKINS.
J. F. SEAVEY.
T. W. CHALLIS.

Articles 7 and 8 of the Constitution were then read and adopted.

Articles 9 and 10 were read and adopted.

Article 11 was read and adopted.

Article 12 having been read, it was voted to amend by inserting twenty dollars ($20.00) for charter fee, instead of fifteen dollars, ($15.00.)

Articles 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 were then read and adopted.

Upon motion the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of

CONSTITUTION FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 were then read and adopted.

Article 9 was read, and Section 1st amended by striking out the word "twelve" and inserting the word "six." Adopted as amended.

Articles 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 were then read and adopted.

Voted, That the Grand Lodge adjourn until the following day at 8 o'clock A. M.

SECOND DAY.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at the appointed time.

It was voted that the Grand Lodge furnish regalias for its officers, and that a committee of three be appointed to procure them.

Past Chancellors S. C. Clatur, G. F. Shedd and J. L. Dow were appointed as the committee.

Upon motion it was voted that the Subordinate Lodges furnish regalias for their Past Chancellors.

Voted, That the case of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 7, be referred to the officers of this Grand Lodge, with full power to act as they may deem necessary.

Voted, That the committee appointed to procure the Grand Lodge regalias be also instructed to procure a Grand Lodge seal.

Voted, That the G. R. and C. S. be authorized to provide all necessary printing for the use of this Grand Lodge.

Voted, That Article 6, Section 2, of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, be amended so as to read, "That any resident of a city or town in which there is a Lodge of this Order, shall not be initiated into a Lodge of any other city or town, without permission from the Lodge (if there be one) located in the place where he resides; if there be none, the candidate must make application to the Lodge nearest his place of residence."

Past Chancellor T. W. Challis, of No. 3, offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias, being the supreme power of the Order, and the source of all true and legitimate authority over the same and all the work belonging thereto, and having the exclusive right to establish, regulate and control the forms, ceremonies, written and unwritten work, and to change, alter or annul the same; and whereas the Supreme Lodge, at its first session, in August, 1868, resolved to recognize no higher degree or degrees than those now established in the Ritual of the Order, and the same principle having been reaffirmed at its last session; and whereas the Supreme Lodge, at its session of 1869,

declared against the "higher degree" of the S. P. K., or conclave, and directed the S. C. to issue his fiat or proclamation against said organization of the S. P. K., or conclave; and further that the Supreme Lodge, at the last session thereof, adopted a certain form of **O. B. N.,** renouncing said conclave organization, which is required to be taken by all Knights of the Order, as well as applicants for membership. Therefore—

Resolved, That we pledge the Supreme Chancellor all our influence and support in any effort made in pursuance of the expressed determination of the Supreme Lodge to crush out from our organization that barnacle, known as the S. P. K., or conclave, and that the Supreme Lodge is the arbiter of any and all questions affecting the statutes, work, forms, &c., of our Order; and that all laws, mandates, or edicts made and promulgated, either by the Supreme Chancellor or the Supreme Lodge, are binding upon each and every member, and every Subordinate or Grand Lodge, and that it is the bounden duty of every true Knight to respect and obey the same as such, until the same shall have been reversed, annulled or amended by the Supreme Lodge, through its regularly constituted representatives.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing be forwarded by the G. R. and C. S. to the "Sprig of Myrtle" and the "Knights of Pythias Journal," for publication, and to every Grand Lodge, under seal of this Grand Lodge.

Past Chancellor H. J. B. Hudson, of No. 1, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the Louis Bell Post No. 3, Grand Army of the Republic, for the use of their hall, during the session in Manchester, Oct. 20 and 21, 1870.

Past Chancellor D. S. Holt, of No. 4, presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That every W. C. in this jurisdiction shall institute the inquiry of every visitor as to whether he has taken the O. B. N., before he enters the Lodge Room, and if he has not he shall not be admitted.

Voted, That a committee of three (the G. C. being chairman) be appointed to revise, regulate and place in form the Constitution as adopted, for printing.

Past Chancellors J. L. Dow and T. W. Challis were appointed on that committee.

Voted, That Charters be granted to Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Voted, That the Grand Scribe be authorized to procure a suitable frame for the Grand Lodge Charter.

Voted, That the G. C. and G. B. be authorized to borrow five

hundred dollars, or such sum as they may deem necessary, for the use of the Grand Lodge.

Voted, That the appointment of the following officers by the Grand Chancellor be confirmed:

D. D. G. CHANCELLORS.—Pioneer Lodge No. 1, Newmarket, O. H. Copeland; Swamscott Lodge No. 2, Exeter, R. H. Perkins; Granite and Merrimack Lodges, Nos. 3 and 4, Manchester, T. W. Challis; Nashua Lodge No. 5, Nashua, G. F. Shedd; Olive Branch Lodge No. 6, Dover, J. F. Seavey.

COMMITTEE ON LAWS AND SUPERVISION.—William R. Patten, of No. 4, Ivory Harmon, of No. 5, S. F. Murry, of No. 4.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.—J. F. Seavey, of No. 6, M. A. Perkins, of No. 2, S. C. Amsden, of No. 3.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.—Jas. A. Horne, of No. 6, T. W. Challis, of No. 3, C. H. Trickey, of No. 1.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS.—G. F. Shedd, of No. 5, T. B. Hoyt, of No. 2, H. J. B. Hudson, of No. 1.

Voted, That the next session of this Grand Lodge be holden at Exeter, on the second Thursday of February next (1871) at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Voted, That the G. B. and G. C. be instructed to settle the necessary bills incurred in the formation of this Grand Lodge.

Voted, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Supreme Chancellor SAMUEL READ, for the kind and very efficient manner in which he has performed the duties pertaining to the instituting of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge closed in regular form.

J. L. DOW, G. R. and C. S.

LIST OF OFFICERS FOR 1870.

G. V. P., Moses A. Perkins, of Exeter.
G. C., Stillman S. Davis, of Nashua.
G. V. C., Joseph T. S. Libby, of Dover.
G. R. and C. S., Joseph L. Dow, of Manchester.
G. B., Samuel F. Murry, of Manchester.
G. G., Charles H. Trickey, of Newmarket.
G. I. S., Frank E. Hart, of Manchester.
G. O. S., John O. Davis, of Newmarket.

Committee on Laws and Supervision.

William R. Patten, of No. 4; Ivory Harmon, of No. 5; S. F. Murry, of No. 4.

Committee on Finance.

J. F. Seavey, of No. 6; M. A. Perkins, of No. 2; S. C. Amsden, of No. 3.

Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

James A. Horne, of No. 6; T. W. Challis, of No. 3; C. H. Trickey, of No. 1.

Committee on Credentials and Returns.

G. F. Shedd, of No. 5; T. B. Hoyt, of No. 2; H. J. B. Hudson, of No. 2.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

FIRST SESSION.

EXETER, February 9th, 1871.

The Grand Lodge was opened in regular form, all the officers being present except the G. O. S.

The reading of the records of the last meeting was deferred, until the Committee on Credentials made their report, and the new members were received.

The Committee on Credentials then reported the following Past Chancellors in waiting, with credentials properly attested:

Frank E. Rollins, of No. 2, Stephen C. Amsden, of No. 3, George A. Guild, of No. 5, George W. Gray and Albert W. Cotton, of No. 6, William F. Horne and Frederick Fineman, of No. 7, J. B. Colby, Lorenzo K. Peacock, A. H. Morrison, and Curtis White, of No. 8, who were severally admitted and took the G. L. degree.

The records of the last session were read and approved.

The following Past Chancellors were appointed on committees, in place of absentees:

On Laws and Supervision—W. F. Horne, of No. 7, in place of Ivory Harmon, of No. 5.

On Finance—Albert W. Cotton, of No. 6, in place of J. F. Seavey, of No. 6.

On Credentials and Returns—S. C. Clatur, of No. 3, in place of G. F. Shedd, of No. 5; S. W. Shepard, of No. 4, in place of H. J. B. Hudson, of No. 1.

On motion of Bro. M. A. Perkins, it was voted that the Report of the Grand Chancellor be received immediately after the opening of the afternoon session.

On motion of Bro. J. T. S. Libby, it was voted that the Grand Lodge proceed to the election of officers immediately after the reading of the Grand Chancellor's Report.

On motion of Bro. S. W. Shepard, it was voted that the discussion of the difficulty between Bro. T. W. Challis and Rising Sun Lodge No. 7, of Rochester, be indefinitely postponed.

The committee appointed to procure a seal and regalia for the use of the Grand Lodge, reported that they had attended to their duty, and that the seal and regalia were in the possession of the Grand Lodge. The report was accepted.

Considerable discussion was then had in relation to articles 8 and 9 of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of Virginia was read, which was referred to the Committee on Laws and Supervision, to be reported and acted upon at this session.

A communication was also read from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which was referred to the same committee.

Upon motion, the Grand Lodge voted to adjourn until two o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge met at the appointed hour, when the Grand Chancellor made his report, as follows:

GRAND CHANCELLOR'S REPORT.

To the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

OFFICERS AND PAST CHANCELLORS: It is less than four months since this Grand Lodge was instituted, and in submitting to you my report for that time, I shall be confined to matters practically affecting the welfare of the Order in this Jurisdiction.

I entered upon the responsibilities of the office with much hesitation, but with a firm resolve that whatever duties were incumbent upon me I would discharge with all the wisdom I possessed, and with no motive but the best good and prosperity of our Order.

When this Grand Lodge was instituted, you are aware there were no books, blanks, seals, or anything which would enable me to enter immediately upon the work of organizing new Lodges, or laying the aims and objects of this Order before the people. By the aid of the G. R. and C. S., the needed documents were prepared, the Constitution, as adopted at the October session, was printed, and blank petitions and other documents were put in the hands of worthy persons, in most of the cities and towns throughout the State. Experience has proved that personal effort is needed to induce individuals to enter upon the work, which involves a large outlay of money in necessary expenses, which this grand body is poorly prepared to meet at this time. Much of the labor has been done while engaged upon private business, for which I have made no charge. What has been charged to the Grand Lodge is for money actually paid out in the discharge of official duties.

SUPPLIES.

D. D. G. C. Patten placed in my hands books and odes sufficient for the organization of two new Lodges, which were disposed of to the Lodges in Concord and Portsmouth. These, with a few copies of the proceedings of the Supreme Lodge, and a very few blank petitions, comprise everything placed in my hands by him. Supreme Chancellor Read left with me five Grand Lodge rituals. I purchased a trunk, for the safe keeping of the books

and papers of the Grand Lodge, which action I trust will meet your approval.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted dispensations to Lodges to confer all the degrees at one meeting, also on persons more than fifty years of age, the receipts for which will appear in the accounts of the G. R. and C. S. These were granted, believing the good of the Order required them, and I trust will be confirmed by you.

NEW LODGES.

Upon the application of fifteen worthy persons, residing in Concord, received November 16th, 1870, I granted a Dispensation for a Lodge in that city, under the name and number of Concord Lodge, No. 8. Nov. 17th, assisted by the G. R. and C. S., and several Past Chancellors from Manchester and Nashua, I instituted the above Lodge. January 25th, I received a petition from Portsmouth, signed by thirty persons, asking that a Lodge be instituted there. I accordingly issued a Dispensation, and on the 31st of January, with the Grand Officers, and Past Chancellors from Manchester, Nashua, Dover, Newmarket, and Exeter, I instituted Damon Lodge No. 9, with twenty-eight good working members. I trust you will confirm my acts, and grant Charters to these Lodges, they having paid the charter fees.

LODGES.

Pioneer Lodge, No. 1, *of Newmarket*, was instituted March 2, 1870. Although other Lodges have a larger membership, yet we feel constrained to look upon the "pioneer lodge" with respect and gratitude. I visited this Lodge, January 12th, and was kindly received and entertained. I believe the brothers of this Lodge will do all in their power to sustain the honor of the Order and build up the Lodge. They have initiated two members during the term ending December 31st. Total membership, July 1, 1870, 49; suspended, 4; present membership, 47.

Swamscott Lodge, No. 2, *Exeter*, I visited January 11, 1871, in company with the Grand Scribe, and spent a pleasant evening with them. By request, the work was rehearsed by them. I find the Lodges do not work with uniformity, which is not strange, as no one has visited them with authority to make such corrections as were needed, and the officers could be guided only by such light as they had. This Lodge is composed of good men, so far as I am able to judge, and I feel confident they will make a good record in the future. D. D. G. Perkins writes me: "I have installed the officers of this Lodge, and transmitted the returns to the G. R. and C. S. We have sixty-one members, and there are several candidates who have received the first and second degrees, having initiated five during the last term." To-day we meet with them, and I trust our coming may stimulate to increased effort in establishing in the minds of the good people of Exeter a love for our

Order, and a desire to be numbered with the Pythian Brotherhood. In behalf of this Grand Lodge I thank you for the welcome you have so cordially extended to us.

Granite Lodge, No. 3, *Manchester.*—I installed the officers of this Lodge, January 2, 1871. There was a large attendance, and I was pleased to see some of the older members occupying official chairs. Very much depends upon the officers in the successful working of a Lodge. The degrees are conferred with great care, and with the desire of leaving a good impression upon the mind of the candidate. Their business-like manner in all Lodge transactions is worthy of imitation. I feel indebted to its members for assistance rendered in the organization of new Lodges, they having at their own expense accompanied me in the discharge of some of my official duties. They have initiated nineteen during the last term. Present membership, 77.

Merrimack Lodge, No. 4, *Manchester.*—I regret I could not visit this Lodge, as I proposed, February 3d. Circumstances beyond my control prevented. D. D. G. C. Challis writes me that "the officers are fully qualified to fulfill their duties with credit to themselves and honor to the Order." They have suffered from dissensions in regard to the O. B. N., and from the unsatisfied ambition of some of the members. But this discordant element is removed by the withdrawal of the disaffected ones, and the members have an increasing interest in the work. I am glad to know the two Lodges in Manchester are fitting up a new hall for their use, believing it will invite a larger attendance at the meetings. During the term they have initiated seven. Present membership, 87.

Nashua Lodge, No. 5, *Nashua.*—This Lodge embraces many worthy and faithful members. The hall they formerly occupied was not a desirable place in which to hold their meetings, and but few came. But since their removal to the hall now occupied by them, the meetings are well attended, and new members are coming in weekly. There is no discord to mar their usefulness. I am proud to be numbered among its members, and I thank them for the kindness shown me and their readiness to aid me in the discharge of my official duties. They have received thirteen by initiation during the last term. Present membership, 61.

Olive Branch Lodge, No. 6, *Dover.*—I am gratified to know that this Lodge is composed of some of the best men in that community. I have had occasion to call on them for aid in the course of my official duties, and they have always responded promptly, not only in rendering service to me, but to this Grand Lodge and for the good of the Order generally. For all their kindness and aid I would express sincere gratitude. D. D. G. C. Seavey and Past Chancellor A. W. Cotton are entitled to much credit for their efforts in recusitating the Lodge at Rochester. But for them I fear they would not have been induced to re-organize. Present membership, 47.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 7, *Rochester.*—This Lodge being reported at our last session as dead, or nearly so, the Grand Chan-

cellor was given full power to act in the matter as the case might require. Accompanied by the G. R. and C. S., and brothers from Manchester and Dover, I visited them Nov. 30th, 1870. We met five of the original members, and after a free expression of feeling, with a review of the situation and the causes of failure, they all promised to enter at once upon a reorganization of the Lodge and its work. It seemed that one person belonging to the Lodge was so objectionable that they would not continue to work with him as a member. Deeming it vitally necessary for the interests of the Order in Rochester that he should be removed, I gave an order, severing his connection with the Lodge, and giving them power to forbid his entering their meetings. This may seem arbitrary, but it was done with the hearty concurrence of all the brothers present, and seemed to be required. Subsequently I received a letter from them saying they had abandoned the idea of doing anything more. As I could not visit them immediately, I requested the G. R. and C. S. to visit them at once, and endeavor to arrange matters, which he did in a most efficient manner. I need not refer to the causes which led them to abandon the Lodge and refuse to continue the organization. But rather let us rejoice that we have now in Rochester a good working Lodge. January 30th, 1871, I received from Bro. Noah Tibbetts a very encouraging letter, saying that "since January 1st, 1871, they have conferred all the degees on fifteen members, and that they now have a membership of twenty-three. I think we are now started on a firm basis and shall succeed. We have now the material for a good Lodge, and I believe we shall prosper." I requested them to elect three Past Chancellors, that they might be represented at this session. I feel a deep interest in the welfare of this Lodge, and trust you will confirm my official acts in relation thereto.

Concord Lodge, No. 8, *Concord.*—Early in November, 1870, I placed a blank petition and other papers in the hands of Curtis White, who, faithful to all his pledges, obtained the names of fifteen worthy persons for a Lodge. November 15th, assisted by brothers from Manchester and Nashua, I instituted the Lodge. January 4th, 1871, I installed their officers, who seemed to have been selected for their fitness for the position they were to occupy. I visited them February 4th, and exemplified the work. Two candidates were raised to the Knight Degree, one being a clergyman of their city, who seemed well pleased with the work and the lessons taught. In all my visits to the brothers of this Lodge I have received only kindness and marked attention. I requested them to elect three Past Chancellors, that they might be represented in this session of the Grand Lodge, which action I trust will meet with your approval. Their membership, January 1st, 1871, was twenty-two.

Damon Lodge No. 9, *Portsmouth.*—I visited Portsmouth several times, leaving documents with Bro. M. T. Betton, who succeeded in getting the names of thirty persons to a petition for a Lodge. The Lodge was instituted January 31st, 1871, as I have before mentioned. They elected very competent officers, who

were duly installed. The interest manifested, and the enterprise of the members, is such that I believe they will soon, if not within one year, return as large a membership as any Lodge in the State. They have leased a hall, and are putting it in condition for permanent work. I directed them to elect three Past Chancellors, to represent them in the Grand Lodge at this session, which I trust you will confirm, and also grant them a charter, the fee for which has been paid.

I have thus given you a brief account of the condition of the Lodges in this jurisdiction, which will enable you to comprehend their wants, and at the same time to form an estimate of our strength. When we consider that less than one year has elapsed since the first Lodge was formed in New Hampshire, we can but feel that much has been accomplished, and that with wisdom and perseverance the coming year may witness a still greater advance. Let the members of each Lodge visit the adjoining towns, and enlist those with whom they are acquainted in the work of forming new Lodges, and much may be accomplished without great expense to the Grand Lodge. The financial condition of this grand body will not at present justify a large outlay, and I trust all will endeavor to aid in the work.

FINANCES.

At the last session it was voted that a sum of money, sufficient for the actual needs of this Grand Lodge, be borrowed, not exceeding five hundred dollars. With rigid economy in all matters, it was found that the sum of three hundred dollars ($300.00) would be required to meet the current bills, including one hundred and fifty dollars ($150.00) due to the Supreme Lodge. A loan has been made for that amount, three of the grand officers becoming personally responsible for it. I am anxious that some means may be devised by which the Grand Lodge shall be relieved of financial embarrassment, and would submit the subject for your consideration at this session. I would also request the Committee on Finance, as early in the session as possible, to present an estimate of the amount of money required for the ensuing year, that intelligent and definite action may be had.

BY-LAWS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

As few if any of the Lodges have printed their by-laws, I would suggest that they place them in the hands of the Committee on Laws and Supervision, as early as possible, for examination. Also that as soon as the financial condition of the Lodges will permit, each Lodge have their by-laws printed, as they will be better understood by the members who will have them to read, and the subordinate codes will then be in perfect harmony with our laws.

SUPREME LODGE.

I have no occasion to urge you to loyalty to the Supreme

Lodge, as that is fully established in the minds and hearts of the members of this Grand Lodge, and so far as I am informed, throughout the present membership of this State. I am glad to be able to make this declaration of your determination to abide by the laws of the Supreme Lodge. Let others falter—but New Hampshire will stand firm as her granite hills. We hope to be represented at the next session of that body, and be able to report to you on our return such information as shall enlighten you, and strengthen your faith in the principles and practical benefits of our Order.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, permit me to say that my relations and intercourse with the officers and members of the Grand Lodge and of the Subordinate Lodges, have been most fraternal and pleasant. Especially would I express my appreciation of the zeal and faithfulness of the Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe. I thank you and those you represent, for the many acts of kindness bestowed upon me, and be assured I shall ever bear them in grateful remembrance. Upon the election of my successor to-day, I surrender the trust which you so generously confided to me at the organization of this Grand Lodge, with an earnest desire for the prosperity of our Order.

Fraternally submitted,

S. S. DAVIS,

GRAND CHANCELLOR.

Exeter, Feb. 13, 1871.

Upon the conclusion of the reading of the Grand Chancellor's report, it was unanimously voted that the same be accepted, and his official acts sustained.

Voted, That so much of the Grand Chancellor's report as pertained to finance, be referred to the Committee on Finance, to be reported upon at this session.

Voted, That the election of officers be postponed until after the reading of the reports of the Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe and the Grand Banker.

REPORT OF THE G. R. AND C. S.

Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members:

In submitting my report, I have not thought it expedient to enter into an extended or historical sketch of the Order in this State, but to briefly lay before you the work which has been accomplished in this our honorable Order.

On the 18th of November, 1870, Concord Lodge, No. 8, was instituted, with fifteen petitioners, among whom were some of the

best men of that city, and the Lodge is at the present time in the most flourishing condition, and stands second to none in the State.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 7, of Rochester, has been revived, and is now in a prosperous condition, for which I feel it my duty to thank Brothers J. F. Seavey and A. W. Cotton, of Olive Branch Lodge, who aided and assisted the grand officers in bringing about that desired result.

The Recording Scribes have been very prompt in forwarding their reports and per capita tax to this Grand Lodge.

On the 31st of January, 1871, Damon Lodge, No. 9, of Portsmouth, was instituted with thirty chartered members, who are among the best and most respectable citizens of that city.

The receipts of this Grand Lodge, up to the present session, amount to $372.50, for which I have the vouchers of the Grand Banker.

In conclusion, brothers, permit me to thank you for the courtesy extended to me during the time I have had the honor to serve you as Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe, with the hope that each and every one of us will use his best efforts for the extension of our beloved Order.

Submitted in F. C. and B.,

JOSEPH L. DOW,
G. R. and C. S.

Voted, That the report of the Grand Scribe be accepted.

The report of the Grand Banker was then presented, and it was voted to accept the same, after its endorsement by the Committee on Finance.

Voted, That charters be granted to Rising Sun Lodge, No. 7, Concord Lodge, No. 8, and Damon Lodge, No. 9.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:

Stillman S. Davis, of Nashua Lodge, No. 5, was unanimously elected to the office of Grand Chancellor.

Joseph T. S. Libby, of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 6, was elected Vice Grand Chancellor, and it was voted that the election of Bro. Libby be made unanimous.

Joseph L. Dow, of Granite Lodge, No. 3, was elected Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe.

Silas C. Clatur, of Granite Lodge, No. 3, was elected Grand Banker.

Charles H. Trickey, of Pioneer Lodge, No. 1, was elected Grand Guide.

John O. Davis, of Pioneer Lodge, No. 1, was elected Grand Inner Steward.

L. K. Peacock, of Concord Lodge, No. 8, was elected Grand Outer Steward.

Voted, That the Grand Scribe furnish Past Grand Chancellors' certificates to Brothers Moses A. Perkins, Stillman S. Davis, and Joseph T. S. Libby.

Bro. J. B. Colby offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge hold its next annual session at Concord, with Concord Lodge, No. 8.

Voted, That Bro. Colby be appointed a committee to make arrangements for transportation at that time.

The Committee on Finance then presented the following report:

Your committee have attended to their duty, and find the books and accounts of the Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe and the Grand Banker correctly cast and properly vouched for.

(Signed) A. W. Cotton,
S. C. Amsden,
M. A. Perkins.

The Committee on Laws and Supervision, to whom was referred the communications from the Grand Lodges of Virginia and Maryland, relative to the O. B. N., reported the following:

Your committee have attended to their duty, and would recommend that our representatives to the Supreme Lodge be instructed to urge the repeal of the O. B. N., or such modification as would relieve it of its objectionable features.

(Signed) William R. Patten,
Ivory Harmon,
S. F. Murry.

It was voted unanimously that the report be accepted.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Chancellor's report as related to the finances of this Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, submitted the following report:

That their estimate of the expenses of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year be placed at the sum of five hundred dollars.

(Signed) A. W. Cotton,
M. A. Perkins,
S. C. Amsden.

Voted, That the bills of the G. C., and G. R. and C. S., having been approved by the Committee on Finance, be accepted and paid.

Bro. R. H. Perkins offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That we heartily commend the action of Bro. J. L. Dow, in his decision in regard to affixing seal to withdrawal cards of conclave.

The following resolution was presented:

Resolved, That Section 2, Article 5, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be amended by adding after the words, "Knight's degree," in the seventh line, the words, "except in the organization of a new Lodge, where the three degrees may be conferred, on the night of organization only, for the sum of five dollars."

Adopted.

Resolved, That Article 3, Section 1, of Constitution for Subordinate Lodges be amended so as to read, "Outer Steward shall be elected semi-annually."

Passed unanimously.

The committee appointed to procure a frame for the Grand Lodge charter, reported as follows:

We have attended to our duty, and beg leave to report that the frame is now in possession of the Grand Lodge.

(Signed) JOSEPH L. DOW.

The report was accepted.

Voted, That the officers of this Grand Lodge be empowered to hire the necessary amount of money for the ensuing year, not exceeding five hundred dollars ($500.00.)

Voted, That so much of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge as the Grand Chancellor may direct, be printed for distribution to the Subordinate Lodges.

Voted, That the following officers, appointed by the Grand Chancellor, be confirmed:

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.—No. 1, O. H. Copeland; No. 2, R. H. Perkins; Nos. 3 and 4, S. W. Shepard; No. 5, Geo. A. Guild; Nos. 6 and 7, A. W. Cotton; No. 8, Curtis White; No. 9, M. T. Betton.

COMMITTEE ON LAWS AND SUPERVISION.—William R. Patten, of No. 4; Ivory Harmon, of No. 5; S. F. Murry, of No. 4.

Committee on Finance.—J. F. Seavey, of No. 6; M. A. Perkins, of No. 2; S. C. Amsden, of No. 3.

Committee on Appeals and Grievances.—James F. Horne, of No. 5; C. H. Trickey, of No. 1; Curtis White, of No. 8.

Committee on Credentials and Returns.—G. F. Shedd, of No. 5; T. B. Hoyt, of No. 2; S. W. Shepard, of No. 4.

There being no further business, the Grand Chancellor declared the Grand Lodge closed, to meet at Concord, on the second Thursday in February, 1872.

JOSEPH L. DOW,
G. R. and C. S.

LIST OF OFFICERS FOR 1871.

G. V. P., Moses A. Perkins, of Exeter.
G. C., Stillman S. Davis, of Nashua.
G. V. C., Joseph T. S. Libby, of Dover.
G. R. and C. S., Joseph L. Dow, of Manchester.
G. B., Silas C. Clatur, of Manchester.
G. G., Charles H. Trickey, of Newmarket.
G. I. S., John O. Davis, of Newmarket.
G. O. S., L. K. Peacock, of Concord.

Committee on Laws and Supervision.

William R. Patten, of No. 4; Ivory Harmon, of No. 5; S. F. Murry, of No. 4.

Committee on Finance.

J. F. Seavey, of No. 6; M. A. Perkins, of No. 2; S. C. Amsden, of No. 3.

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G. F. Shedd, of No. 5; T. B. Hoyt, of No. 2; S. W. Shepard, of No. 4.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

SECOND SESSION.

PYTHIAN HALL, CONCORD, Feb. 8th, 1872.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at ten o'clock A. M.

All the officers were present except the Grand Guide. Past Chancellor T. W. Challis, of No. 3, was appointed Grand Guide *pro tem.*

Representatives from the following Lodges were present:—Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8. No. 7 was not represented.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form.

The Grand Chancellor appointed S. C. Clatur, of No. 3, in place of G. F. Shedd, of No. 5, to fill the vacancy in Committee on Credentials and Returns.

On motion of Past Grand Chancellor Libby, it was voted that the reading of the records of the last session be dispensed with until after the initiation of candidates.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns presented the following report:

The committee having attended to their duty, respectfully report the following Past Chancellors entitled to seats as members of the Grand Lodge, as appears from certificates duly attested:

F. W. McKinley and Levi L. Aldrich, of No. 3; Perkins C. Lane, of No. 4; J. F. Benson and R. M. Blanchard, of No. 5; John C. Pray and Henry M. Bacon, of No. 6; Joseph S. Merrill, Daniel E. Howard and William H. Buntin, of No. 8; Matthew T. Betton, Andrew J. Sides and William O. Sides, of No. 9; William B. Blake, George W. Tilton, Enoch H. Pearsons, Stephen Hilton, Frank E. Bean and Horace W. Langley, of No. 10; Geo. P. Appleton and Charles O. Moulton, of No. 12; John H. Lord and Joseph M. Poole, of No. 13.

(Signed) S. C. Clatur,
T. B. Hoyt,
S. W. Shepard.

The report was accepted, and the Grand Guide instructed to introduce the candidates for obligation, when the Grand Lodge degree was conferred upon them.

The records of the last session were then read and approved.

The Grand Chancellor deputized the G. G. and the G. V. P. to retire to the ante-room and confer the Grand Lodge degree on Bro. Perkins C. Lane, of No. 4, who was in waiting.

Upon motion the Grand Lodge proceeded to listen to the reading of the

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHANCELLOR.

Past Chancellors: The God of our Fathers has very kindly watched over us another year, and permitted us to enjoy very many rich blessings, for which let us be truly grateful. We have met to review the labors and results of the past year in this jurisdiction, and to legislate and take counsel together for the future. I need not enter into any discussion of the merits of the Pythian Brotherhood, as its principles are known to you, and I believe they are so interwoven with your hearts' best sympathies as to command your approval and earnest support. We need rather seek to remove all obstacles in the way of successfully establishing Lodges in every city and town in our State, and secure united effort in the development of those great principles upon which our Order is based.

I shall not seek to make a lengthy report, but in as few words as possible communicate to you my official acts, submitting them for your approval, give a statement of the present condition of the

Order in the State, and offer some suggestions relative to our future necessities.

January 1st, 1871, there were but eight Lodges in this jurisdiction. During the past year five new Lodges have been instituted, making a total of thirteen under date of January 1, 1872, all of which I trust will be represented here to-day. During the year I have visited all these Lodges but one, and was only prevented from visiting that, by circumstances entirely beyond my control, which are known to the brothers of the Lodge. I herewith give you an account of these Lodges, with such facts as I have learned by visiting and corresponding with them.

Pioneer Lodge, No. 1, *Newmarket.*—We can but feel a deep interest in the band of brothers who first unfurled the banner of Pythian Brotherhood in the Granite State, and ascribe to them all the honors justly due. This Lodge has maintained its existence under many trials and difficulties, of which I need not speak. D. D. G. C., O. H. Copeland, wrote me under date of January 19th, 1872, as follows: "I believe our Lodge is in better condition now than it has been for more than a year. We need the addition of a few good working members, and hope to get them soon. We have a better attendance at our meetings, and there are other indications of more interest than has been shown here for a long time. I believe No. 1 will yet be numbered among the prosperous Lodges of our State." I visited them December 27th, and was pleased to see so much unanimity in the election of their officers. They have initiated but one member the past year. Withdrawn and died, 4; showing a decrease of 3. Total membership, 43.

Swamscott Lodge, No. 2, *Exeter.*—I visited this Lodge December 20th, and was cordially received. There is a good membership in this Lodge. I should judge there had not been such perfect harmony among the members as is desirable, which may have prevented active, progressive labor. Some of the causes of disagreement having been removed, I sincerely trust all will unite in bringing into membership the good and worthy men of Exeter. This Lodge is located in one of the pleasantest towns of our State, and numbers among its citizens many men of enterprise and culture, who I trust will more generally be enrolled among the valiant knights of Swamscott Lodge. I have not had the pleasure of ever seeing their work in the several degrees, but presume they work correctly. They have initiated five members during the past year. Total membership, as reported, 69.

Granite Lodge, No. 3, *Manchester.*—I need say but little concerning this Lodge, they are so well known for efficiency in work, activity in the increase of their membership, and faithfulness in developing the principles of our Order. The sick have been kindly cared for, and the dead buried with solemn service. In all that pertains to the general workings of the Order, they have studied to excel. I visited this Lodge October 27th, in company with about twenty Knights of Nashua Lodge, No. 5, when all the degrees were conferred upon candidates, and I can truly say I never have seen the work performed in so impressive a man-

ner by any other Lodge. There was a stillness and order in the room which harmonized with the Ritual. The Venerable Patriarch had his service committed to memory, and enunciated it in a clear, distinct manner, which added much to the beauty of the whole service. Their system of investigation of candidates for admission is one which I heartily approve, and which must result in good. With such members as our Grand Scribe, J. L. Dow, and others, to counsel, advise and devise, this Lodge can but rank first in this jurisdiction. The number of members January 1st, 1871, was 61. They have received by initiation during the year, 23. Total membership, January 1st, 1872, 84.

Merrimack Lodge, No. 4, *Manchester.*—What I have said of Granite Lodge may also be said of this. Both Lodges occupy the same hall, and visit each other in a friendly manner, manifesting a friendly interest each in the welfare of the other. Both seem to be working together to accomplish the greatest good. I did not have the pleasure of seeing the degrees conferred, but I am assur- that they, like their sister Lodge, are proficient in the work. During the past year these two Lodges have leased and fitted up a new hall for their use, centrally located, ample in its accommodations, and furnished in a manner highly creditable to our Manchester brothers. This enterprise has drawn largely upon their private means, but all demands have been met in a prompt and business-like manner. I am pleased to note these facts, as they show that the brothers feel that the Order is a permanent one. They report the largest membership of any Lodge in the State. I had hoped to have visited them again, but was prevented. January 1, 1871, the number of members was 84. They have initiated fifteen during the year. Total membership January 1, 1872, 98.

Nashua Lodge, No. 5, *Nashua.*—Many of the members of this Lodge are active business men, who are so closely confined to their several occupations that it is impossible for them to devote much time to the welfare of the Lodge. Their influence is good, so far as it goes, but it would be far greater could they devote more time to the interests and work of the Order. The Lodge meetings are held in Odd Fellows Hall, which is furnished with much taste at considerable expense, and makes an attractive place in which to spend an evening. I trust the coming year will show a larger membership than the past. January 23d, 1872, they were favored with a visit from the brothers in Manchester, and a pleasant and profitable interview was had. I regret that I could not be present, having promised to visit the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, at its annual session held that day. January 1st, 1871, the members of Nashua Lodge numbered 60. They have initiated eight during the past year. Total membership January 1st, 1872, sixty-eight.

Olive Branch Lodge, No. 6, *Dover.*—This Lodge is composed largely of men actively engaged in business, but differs from some I have referred to, inasmuch as they are interested in the prosperity and good standing of the Lodge, attend its meetings often, and enter into the details of its working, so that no

unworthy persons can very well become members of the Lodge. Some of the members have had large experience in similar organizations, which enables them to labor very efficiently in the development of the principles of our brotherhood. They have many who are capable of filling any position in the Grand or Subordinate Lodge. A social element is developed among them, which is not only interesting but profitable. Great pains are taken to receive as members such only as will be a credit to the Order. I am glad to say this is true of other Lodges, for on this depends the future prosperity of our Order in this jurisdiction. Good and great principles, entrusted to bad men, will be perverted. I feel it justly due Bro. A. W. Cotton, District Deputy for this Lodge, to say that he has rendered me valuable and efficient aid in my duties, and has been always ready to accompany me in visiting or instituting new Lodges. I went to Dover to visit this Lodge, November 15th, and during the day visited Great Falls, and was prevented by the storm from reaching Dover again in season to meet with them. The total membership of this Lodge is 68.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 7, Rochester.—I made an official visit to this Lodge, December 7th, 1871, and again January 4th, 1872, when I installed their officers. They had been working under difficulties, as their hall and all working materials were burned in September, and to December 7th had been without paraphernalia, owing to delay of the manufacturer in sending it. There has been much to discourage the brothers of this Lodge, but they have met and overcome it like men. They have purchased new paraphernalia, and have fitted up a new hall for their use. After consulting with the Grand Scribe and others, it was decided to furnish them with a full set of books and odes for their work, free of charge, in consideration of their misfortunes, which has been done. I trust this will meet your approval. January 1st, 1871, they reported but eleven members. January 1st, 1872, they reported sixty-seven, having initiated fifty-six. This statement of their work for the past year is the best evidence of the enterprise and spirit of the members composing the Lodge.

Concord Lodge, No. 8, Concord.—This is the first Lodge I instituted after having been elected to the position of Grand Chancellor, and I have ever felt a deep interest in its welfare. I have had less anxiety as to its future than I should, had its work and interests been entrusted to less wise and able brothers. I visited them officially November 8th, and although the evening was very unfavorable, there was a good attendance. They have taken great pains to know how the work should be done, and by having efficient officers, aided by competent members, they have given it correctly and in an impressive manner. I am pleased to make mention of the faithful and efficient manner in which the District Deputy Grand Chancellor, Curtis White, has performed his duties, and for the many kindnesses extended to me during my official terms. They have received more by initiation since my last report than any other Lodges, except Nos. 7 and 9, and I believe have accepted only the worthy. They have kindly invited this Grand

Lodge to meet with them in this our second annual convocation, for which we return our thanks, trusting our coming may cheer and bless them as well as ourselves. They have leased on favorable terms this hall for their use, and I trust it will be honored by being the place where very many of the men of influence of the city of Concord shall take upon themselves the vows of true knights. January 1, 1871, the number of members was 22. They have initiated 36 during the past year. The total membership January 1st, 1872, was 58.

NEW LODGES.

The following five Lodges have been instituted during the past year. I would recommend that charters be granted them in place of the dispensations which I have issued to them, and under which they are now working.

Damon Lodge, No. 9, Portsmouth.—This Lodge was instituted January 31st, 1871, and could not be reported by the Grand Scribe, as the official year closes January 1st. I reported the organization of this Lodge to you at the last session, but there were no Past Chancellors present at that session from this Lodge. To-day we are glad to see them so well represented. They represent a Lodge which has initiated more candidates into the Order than any other in this jurisdiction during the past year, and they are good men. Pardon me if I say I am proud of them and of what they have accomplished. I visited them officially November 10th. I had an impression their meetings were held Friday evening, and notified them that I would then be present. They kindly overlooked my error, and called a special meeting that evening and worked the degrees. The work was done correctly and in a very impressive manner. They have fitted up a very neat hall for their use, and have done nobly for the Order. There was one unfortunate matter, however, which threatened to very much interfere with the growth and prosperity of the Lodge. Five persons from Portsmouth were initiated into a Lodge in Boston, Mass. I shall refer to this more fully in another place. D. D. G. C., M. T. Betton, has ably performed his duties, and is worthy of your confidence and favor. They have initiated during the past eleven months 71 members. Total membership, 81.

Pawtuckaway Lodge, No. 10, Epping.—Having received a petition for a Lodge, to be located in Epping, I went there February 20th, 1871, accompanied by some of the grand officers and a large delegation from Swamscott Lodge No. 2, and instituted this Lodge. The men composing it seemed well pleased with the work, and to be such as would well sustain the Lodge and do themselves and the Order credit. I visited them again officially, December 19th, and found them well informed in the work of the degrees and in the general working of the Lodge. They excel all other Lodges in this jurisdiction in singing, so far as I have heard, and it added greatly to the interest and beauty of the work. I cheerfully accord to our G. V. P., M. A. Perkins, the credit of starting this Lodge, and bringing it to its present efficient position

in all that pertains to a successful and prosperous organization. I have ever found him ready to aid me in my duties, and I feel that it must not only be considered a favor to me, but to the Order in general. I would return thanks to the brothers of Swamscott Lodge No. 2, for the use of their paraphernalia and their aid in instituting the Lodge.

Harmony Lodge, No. 11, *Farmington.*—By the efforts of District Deputy Grand Chancellor Cotton, of Dover, and of the brothers at Rochester, who rendered great assistance, the above Lodge was organized. As I could not attend to the instituting of the Lodge, I authorized D. D. G. C. Cotton to do it. On receiving the petition I issued a dispensation, and sent it with the necessary books and papers to Bro. Cotton. June 19th, he, with brothers from Rochester and Dover, went to Farmington and initiated the petitioners, instituted the Lodge, and installed their officers. I visited the Lodge January 3d, and installed their officers, assisted by D. D. G. C. Cotton. Some of their members are successful business men in the place, who I trust will give to the Lodge the benefit of the same energy and enterprise which is manifested in their business affairs. Should such be the case I am sure it will be a prosperous Lodge.

Oriental Lodge, No. 12, *Suncook.*—I received a petition, signed by twelve persons residing in Suncook, for a Lodge at that place. I issued a dispensation for a Lodge, and December 6th, 1872, accompanied by the Grand Scribe, Joseph L. Dow, the Grand Banker, S. C. Clatur, and a large delegation from Granite and Merrimack Lodges, of Manchester, I went to Suncook and instituted this Lodge, and installed their officers. There were some circumstances, (which I need not mention here,) which tended greatly to discourage the friends who had petitioned for the Lodge. But they, like brave knights, were not dismayed, and have begun the work with a zeal and energy which will enable them to build up a Lodge that will be a credit to the members and an honor to the Order. During the month of December they have received eighteen members.

Prospect Lodge, No. 13, *Great Falls.*—I visited Great Falls, in company with D. D. G. C. Cotton, November 15th, and succeeded in starting a petition for a Lodge in that place. Those signing it were men of enterprise and ability, representing the best men in the place. By the aid of Bro. Cotton, a list of eighteen was obtained, and on December 26th, assisted by G. V. P., M. A. Perkins, G. R. and C. S., J. L. Dow, and large delegations from Dover, Rochester, Epping and Farmington, I initiated the petitioners, instituted the Lodge, and installed their officers. Although this is the youngest Lodge, I have reason to believe they will do themselves and the Order credit, by their fidelity to its principles and activity in its labors. There has been great delay in procuring paraphernalia for their use, which has occasioned corresponding delay in the work. I have done all in my power to obtain it for them, and was promised by the manufacturers

that it should be sent January 19th. Why it is not sent I am unable to say. Total membership, January 1st, 1872, 18.

I have now given you, to the best of my ability, an account of each Lodge, their present condition, and the work during the past year. Some of the District Deputies have not reported to me, and I have been obliged to report from my own observation.

September 4th, 1871, I received from D. D. G. C., M. T. Betton, of Damon Lodge No. 9, Portsmouth, a letter stating that J. A. Andrew Lodge No. 16, of Boston, Mass., had initiated two persons from the former city, without permission from the proper authority, both being unworthy and obnoxious. He submitted the question: "Has a Lodge in Massachusetts a right to receive applications and to initiate persons from Portsmouth, when they know they are permanently located in said city?" Also stating that if they had, it would be the means of breaking up their Lodge. I answered at once that they had no right so to do, and that it was in violation of known law. I requested them to draw up a statement of facts, to add their protest to the action of J. A. Andrew Lodge, and forward the same to me, and I would place it in the hands of the Grand Chancellor of Massachusetts, with my protest. This was done at once, and forwarded to Grand Chancellor Miller, of Massachusetts. Afterwards J. A. Andrew Lodge received three other persons from Portsmouth, and gave them all the degrees. The Grand Chancellor of Massachusetts acknowledged the receipt of the papers transmitted to him, and promised his early attention to the matter. He preferred charges against the offending Lodge, appointed a commission to try them, and upon the commission finding them guilty of the charges brought against them, he suspended the Lodge until the next session of their Grand Lodge. Previously I issued an order to Damon Lodge No. 9, to refuse admission to their meetings to any persons initiated from Portsmouth, by J. A. Andrew Lodge No. 16, of Boston. This was done for the protection of the brothers in Portsmouth. I visited the session of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, January 23d, 24th and 25th, feeling a deep interest in their action in this matter. The Grand Lodge confirmed the action of Grand Chancellor Miller, making permanent the suspension of those members implicated in said action, also those who were received from Portsmouth, by a unanimous vote. An appeal was taken to the Supreme Lodge, by the counsel for J. A. Andrew Lodge, but I fully believe the Grand Lodge of Masachusetts will be sustained. I was received most cordially by the officers and members of the Grand Lodge, and entertained by them, for which I am truly grateful. Their promptness in rebuking the violation of law has cemented more closely the bonds of brotherhood between the two jurisdictions. I trust my official action in this matter will meet your approval.

DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations have been granted by the District Deputies to several of the Lodges, to confer degrees upon persons more than

fifty years old, and also for conferring all the degrees in one evening. I have instructed them to forward the money received for the same to the Grand Scribe. I respectfully solicit your approval of the same.

FIRE IN CHICAGO.

Upon receiving the circular issued by the Supreme Chancellor, calling on all members to contribute to the wants of the brothers and their families, who were made homeless by the terrible fire which swept over that city, I caused to be sent to all the Lodges in this jurisdiction a copy of said circular, requesting the Lodges to contribute funds or clothing, as their ability would permit. The amount has been small, compared with older jurisdictions; but most of our Lodges are without a fund, and have drawn largely upon their private means, in supplying their needs in material for working, fitting up halls, and in aiding their own members. Many have contributed to the general fund through other channels, showing that they are not unmindful of the unfortunate and distressed. We deeply sympathize with our brothers in Chicago in their great misfortune.

WORKING PROPERTIES.

I have supplied the Lodges with paraphernalia, to the best of my ability, mostly from manufacturers in Philadelphia. There has been great delay in obtaining it, but that was beyond my power to prevent. By sending so far there is necessarily much expense in transportation. If it is possible to remedy these defects I trust it may be done, and thus save labor for my successor, and delay and expense to the new Lodges formed.

DECISIONS.

Most of the questions submitted to me were not in official form, and required simply explanation of existing laws, or advisory answers, and were not of sufficient importance to enter upon record. The following were submitted to me by the G. R. and C. S., J. L. Dow: "Can a Subordinate Lodge consolidate the office of Recording Scribe and Financial Scribe?" I replied that the proceedings of the Supreme Lodge did not seem to show just where the decision was made allowing it. But they do show that Supreme Representative Berry makes the statement in a preamble that the Supreme Lodge has granted that privilege, subject to the approval of this Grand Lodge, and the Supreme Lodge did adopt the preamble and resolutions embodying said statement, as found on page 393 of Proceedings of Session of 1871. I therefore ruled that a Subordinate Lodge may consolidate the offices of R. S. and F. S., subject to the approval of this grand body; second, that no Lodge is compelled to do it. In order that this may be made to apply to all Lodges in this jurisdiction, I would submit the following resolution for your adoption:

Resolved, That Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction may

consolidate the offices of Recording Scribe and Financial Scribe, if they desire to do so.

Our Order is yet in its infancy, and its legislation is comparatively imperfect and in many respects incomplete, but in due time will be made to meet fully any emergencies that may arise in the working of the Lodges. I would suggest that the Committee on Laws and Supervision compare the Constitutions prepared by the Supreme Lodge at its last session, for Grand and Subordinate Lodges, with our own as printed, and report at this session what portion, if any, conflicts with that part which is made obligatory. The Supreme Lodge, at its last session, ordered so much as is obligatory to be printed in *italics*. I would also suggest that said committee recommend such amendments as may be deemed advisable.

PRINTING PROCEEDINGS.

Since the last session of this Grand Lodge, I entered into a correspondence with some of the Lodges, in relation to printing the proceeding of the two sessions of this grand body, and funds were subscribed sufficient, or nearly so, to print them. But it was finally decided that it would be best to wait until the present session, include its proceedings, and have the work done under the supervision of a committee. I would recommend that a suitable committee be appointed to prepare and superintend the printing of the proceedings of the first three sessions of this Grand Lodge. If the financial condition will not permit of an appropriation for the purpose, I trust the committee may be authorized to solicit subscriptions for that object from the Subordinate Lodges. It is very important that the grand officers have the records to refer to, as a guide to correct legislation and the preparation of statistics, to aid them in the discharge of their general duties and especially in making up their reports. I have labored under great disadvantage for want of the printed proceedings of this body.

UNIFORMITY IN THE WORK.

On my first visits to the Lodges, I found the work given differently in nearly every Lodge. I have endeavored to instruct them in the work, as I received it, and requested them to adhere to it. Until I visited the Supreme Lodge, I had instructed in the work as given to me by the Supreme Chancellor at the organization of this Grand Lodge. I found we had not been instructed correctly in all parts of the work, and have corrected it so far as I was able. I believe the Lodges are now working more uniformly than ever before. I would recommend that one of the representatives to the Supreme Lodge be instructed to visit all the Lodges in this jurisdiction, on his return from said session, instruct them in the work of the degrees, and report to them all important legislation. By this means the work will be correctly given, and there

will not be so much delay in ascertaining what changes are made in the general laws.

OUTSIDE REGALIA OR UNIFORM.

I need not enter into a description of what this is, as most of you already know. As it is evidently not satisfactory to you in all respects, and as there is a general feeling that some change will be made in it, I would suggest that it be referred to a committee, who will consider the subject, and report at this session such changes as may be desirable; that it be freely discussed, and when action is had, that a copy of the proceedings in relation thereto be placed in the hands of the Supreme Representatives, to lay before the Supreme Lodge at its next session for adoption. We need a street or parade dress of some kind, but I do not think the present one meets the wants of the members of the Order.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

Most of the District Deputies I have appointed have been vigilant and watchful in the interests of the Lodge or Lodges entrusted to their care, and I shall ever remember with gratitude the many acts of kindness shown me by some of their number. Some have never reported to me in any way, either what they have done or the condition of the Lodges under their charge. It is impossible for the Grand Chancellor, by a single visit to a Lodge, to learn its true condition, and to know all that is good and commendable, or all its failings. Unusual circumstances might arise at the time of his visit, which would give him a wrong impression of the Lodge. The District Deputy is with them weekly, and knows their true situation. Hence the great importance of their reporting fully to the Grand Chancellor, that he may be able to render a correct account to this grand body. I do not speak of this to censure any one, but that those who may be commissioned hereafter may see the importance of making prompt and full reports to my successor.

FINANCES OF THE GRAND LODGE.

A loan of three hundred dollars was made one year ago, which is still unpaid. The Grand Banker will give you a statement of the condition of the funds in detail. I learn that there are some four hundred dollars on hand and due the Grand Lodge.

CONCLUSION.

Brethren, I have endeavored to give you a report of my official acts, also a statement of the present condition of the Order in New Hampshire. When I first assumed the duties and responsibilities of this office, the Grand Lodge had but the frame-work of an organization. Everything was to be put in working order before labor in the broad field could be begun. The full equipment of the Grand Lodge was to be supplied—and this without funds

or credit. Some of you know the difficulties to be overcome and the embarrassments of my position. But only those who assumed the task can fully appreciate it. I have endeavored to lay the foundation deep, that we might safely build a solid superstructure. When I assumed the position of Grand Chancellor there were but six working Lodges, and some of them were weak. Now we have thirteen Lodges, many of them strong in numbers, in financial standing, and in intellectual ability. During the past year our membership has nearly doubled. We are no longer looked upon as a frail and fleeting body, for the tree seems to have sent its roots deep into the earth, giving life, strength and beauty to the massive trunk, which shoots forth its spreading branches, proffering shade and shelter to the weary traveller. We want the world to feel that our aims are noble, and worthy of the united support of all good men; that we seek to bless mankind, soothe their sorrows, make bright desolate homes, watch by the bedside of the sick, educate the orphan, and do to all as we would have them do to us. We seek to bind in bonds of unity and love all nations and kindreds of the earth, and teach and practice true friendship to all. Past Chancellors and brothers, I thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me, by placing me in this position of trust and authority. You know it was unsolicited on my part, and this thought makes the recollection of the past pleasant. And now, in the words of another, "I bring back to you the guantlet and truncheon of authority to its proper custodians," trusting you will find it neither broken nor tarnished, but bright and unsullied, to adorn him whom you shall this day select as my successor.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. DAVIS,

GRAND CHANCELLOR.

PYTHIAN HALL, Concord, Feb. 8, 1872.

Upon motion the report was referred to the Committee on Laws and Supervision.

The Grand Chancellor appointed, to fill vacancies on that committee, Past Chancellors Betton of No. 9, Howard, of No. 8, and Poole, of No. 13.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Chancellor called the Grand Lodge to order at a quarter to two o'clock, and after being duly examined the Lodge was declared open for business.

The report of the Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe was then presented, as follows:

REPORT OF THE G. R. AND C. S.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

BRETHREN: I herewith present to you my report for the past term, and with great pleasure note the progress of the Order since our last session. The Order in this jurisdiction is in a prosperous condition, and all of the Lodges are doing well. Although we have instituted but four Lodges in the State since our last session, we have no reason to murmur when we look at our increase in membership in Lodges already working, and find the interest of present members still increasing. The seeming want of means to start new Lodges deters a great many from uniting with us, and I would recommend that this grand body procure, for the purpose of furnishing newly organized Lodges, the necessary paraphernalia and regalias in conferring the degrees, and allow a new Lodge to retain them for four weeks or longer, if not needed to institute another Lodge. I am of the opinion that it would add largely to the extension of the Order, and at the same time assist in placing the Grand Lodge in a good financial condition. I sincerely hope that a special committee will be appointed to take this matter into immediate consideration, and report at this session.

Pioneer Lodge, No. 1, *Newmarket.*—This Lodge has not been as prosperous as most of the Lodges in this jurisdiction. By the reports it shows a decrease of four members, owing partly to the fact that many of its members are not at the present time residing there. But I am informed that active measures are now being taken to revive the interest, and that it now bids fair to show a much greater interest, and no doubt there is an increase at the present time.

Swamscott Lodge, No. 2, *Exeter.*—This Lodge, from its re-

turns, I find to be in a prosperous condition, with an increase of five since January 1, 1871.

Granite Lodge, No. 3, *Manchester.*—This Lodge is also in a good condition, making a gain the past year of twenty-three members.

Merrimack Lodge, No. 4, *Manchester.*—This Lodge is the largest in the State, is in good prosperous condition, having made an increase during the year of fourteen.

Nashua Lodge, No. 5, *Nashua.*—This Lodge from its returns I find to be in a good and prosperous condition, having made an increase of eight during the year.

Olive Branch Lodge, No. 6, *Dover.*—This Lodge is also in a good and prosperous condition, not only in membership but financially. During the year they have made a gain of twenty-one.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 7, *Rochester.*—Of this Lodge I can hardly express myself, as regards their working. They have been active and energetic in their work, and are in an exceedingly prosperous condition, showing by their returns an increase of fifty-six.

Concord Lodge, No. 8, *Concord.*—This Lodge also shows a good report, with an increase in membership of thirty-six.

Damon Lodge No. 9, *Portsmouth.*—This Lodge has been instituted since January 1, 1871, and by the returns has seventy-one members. It is in a good and prosperous condition.

Pawtuckaway Lodge, No. 10, *Epping.*—This Lodge has also been instituted during the term, and is prospering finely.

Harmony Lodge, No. 11, *Farmington.*—This Lodge was instituted June 19th, 1871. At the present time no report has been received.

Oriental Lodge, No. 12, *Suncook.*—This Lodge was instituted December 6th, 1871, and by their returns January 1st, 1872, numbers eighteen members, among whom are some of the best and most influential citizens of Suncook.

Prospect Lodge, No. 13, *Great Falls.*—This Lodge was instituted Dec. 26th, 1871, and is composed of some of the best citizens of Great Falls. By the returns it has twenty-three members.

The total membership of the Order in New Hampshire, January 1st, 1871, was 409; total membership, January 1st, 1872, 756; showing an increase of 347. This does not include No. 11, of Farmington, from which no report has been received.

The receipts of the Grand Lodge up to the present time are $932.24, for which I have the vouchers of the Grand Banker.

In conclusion, brothers, permit me to thank you kindly for the courtesy extended to me during the time that I have had the honor to serve you as Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe, hoping that each and every one of us will use his best efforts for the extension of our beloved Order.

Submitted in F. C. and B.,

JOSEPH L. DOW,
G. R. and C. S.

Upon motion voted that the report of the Grand Recording

and Corresponding Scribe be accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following report was then presented:

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Chancellor, beg leave to submit the following report: That so much of the Grand Chancellor's report as refers to outside regalia or uniform be referred to a special committee of five. That so much of said report as relates to printing proceedings be referred to a committee of three, the present Grand Chancellor to be the chairman of said committee. With the above exceptions the committee would recommend that the report of the Grand Chancellor be adopted by this grand body.

(Signed) M. T. Betton,
D. E. Howard,
Joseph M. Poole.

The report was adopted.

The Grand Chancellor appointed M. T. Betton, of No. 9, F. W. McKinley, of No. 3, Curtis White, of No. 8, John C. Pray, of No. 6, and R. M. Blanchard, of No. 5, as the Committee on Outside Regalia or Uniform.

The following were appointed as the Committee on Printing Proceedings: S. S. Davis, of No. 5, J. L. Dow, of No. 3, and J. T. S. Libby, of No. 6.

On motion of Past Grand Chancellor Libby, of No. 6—

Voted, That we extend to Bro. S. S. Davis a vote of thanks, and that he be requested to stand as nominee for Grand Chancellor for the next term.

Grand Chancellor S. S. Davis respectfully declined a re-election.

Upon motion the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of officers, with the following result:

Grand Chancellor, M. T. Betton, of No. 9, Portsmouth.

Vice Grand Chancellor, D. E. Howard, of No. 8, Concord.

Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe, J. L. Dow, of No. 3, Manchester.

Grand Banker, S. C. Clatur, of No. 3, Manchester.

Voted, That the Grand Lodge proceed to the election of seven Past Grand Chancellors.

Voted, That members from each Lodge be nominated for election.

The following Past Chancellors were nominated:

W. A. Frye, of No. 1; Albert Janvrin and R. H. Perkins, of No. 2; J. L. Dow and S. C. Clatur, of No. 3; S. W. Shepard, of No. 4; M. N. Young, of No. 5; John C. Pray, of No. 6; Curtis White, of No. 8; A. J. Sides, of No. 9; H. W. Langley, of No. 10; C. O. Moulton, of No. 12; Joseph M. Poole, of No. 13.

The following were declared elected:

Curtis White, of No. 8; A. J. Sides, of No. 9; J. L. Dow, of No. 3; M. N. Young, of No. 5; S. C. Clatur, of No. 3; Joseph M. Poole, of No. 13; Horace W. Langley, of No. 10.

Upon motion it was voted to proceed to the election of Supreme Representative for two years.

Past Grand Chancellor S. S. Davis, of No. 5, was elected.

Upon motion it was voted to proceed to the election of Supreme Representative for one year.

Past Grand Chancellor Moses A. Perkins, of No. 2, was elected.

Upon motion the Grand Lodge adjourned until evening.

EVENING SESSION.

The Lodge was called to order by the Grand Chancellor at 7 o'clock P. M.

Past Chancellor W. O. Sides, of No. 9, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the next annual session of this Grand Lodge be held in the city of Portsmouth.

Adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance would respectfully report that they have attended to their duty, and have examined the accounts

of the Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe and the Grand Banker, and find them correct.

Total amount received, ...	$932.24
" " paid out, ...	648.40
Amount on hand	$283.84

J. F. Seavey,
M. A. Perkins, } *Committee on Finance.*
S. C. Amsden.

The Grand Banker then made his report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRAND BANKER.

Concord, February 8th, 1872.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members af the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of New Hampshire:

The following is my report for the term ending February 8th, 1872:

Cash received from the G. R. and C. S., . . .	$932.24
Amount paid out, ...	648.40
Leaving a balance in my hands of	$283.84

All of which is submitted in F. C. and B.,
(Signed) S. C. CLATUR,
Grand Banker.

(Approved)
M. A. Perkins,
S. C. Amsden, } *Committee on Finance.*

Voted, That the report of the Grand Banker be accepted and placed on file.

Bills of the Grand Chancellor, to the amount of $95.52, and of the Grand Scribe, amounting to $27.30, were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Voted, That the Committee on Printing be instructed to procure the proceedings of this Grand Lodge printed, when a sufficient amount is subscribed to cover the expense.

The Committee on Finance, having approved the bills of the Grand Chancellor and the Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe, they were ordered to be paid.

The Committee on Finance made the following report:

Your committee, to whom was referred that part of the report of the Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe, recommend-

ing the purchase of paraphernalia with which to institute new Lodges, and loaning the same to the Lodge four weeks, would recommend that the same be adopted, allowing a new Lodge to retain the same four weeks or longer, with permission of the Grand Chancellor.

(Signed) M. A. Perkins,
S. C. Amsden.

Adopted.

Past Chancellor Amsden offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Section 4, Article 5, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, be amended by striking out the word "shall," in the first line, and inserting the word "may."

Passed unanimously.

Past Grand Chancellor M. A. Perkins offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That any person who is a resident of a city or town in which there is no Lodge, on application to join the Order, shall apply to the nearest Lodge.

Passed unanimously.

Supreme Representative M. A. Perkins made a report of the proceedings of the Supreme Lodge, which was accepted and placed on file.

Past Chancellor Levi L. Aldrich offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That so much of Article 2, Section 2, of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, be so amended as to read, "Seven members shall constitute a quorum, but when seven members only are present no money shall be appropriated except with unanimous consent."

Adopted.

The Committee on Outside Regalia or Uniform made the following report:

The committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Chancellor's report in regard to uniform, beg leave to submit the following recommendations or changes: Helmet to be of spangled cloth, covered with scales of white metal, with movable visor; gauntlets to be red instead of black. Respectfully submitted.

(Signed) M. T. Betton,
F. W. McKinley,
Curtis White,
John C. Pray,
R. M. Blanchard.

Accepted.

Past Grand Chancellor S. C. Clatur offered the following as an amendment to the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges:

Resolved, That if after a candidate has been elected to receive the degrees of the Order, and before having received the same, any member of the Order shall enter a written protest against him, all proceedings shall be stayed. The Worthy Chancellor shall refer the protest to a committee of five, who shall investigate the case and report at the next meeting. If the committee shall report in favor of sustaining the appeal, a vote shall be taken, and if two-thirds of the members present shall vote to adopt the report of the committee the protest shall be sustained, and the candidate shall be debarred from receiving the degrees for six months, after which he may apply for membership as before.

Referred to the Committee on Laws and Supervision, who having reported favorably, the resolution was adopted.

The officers elect were then duly installed by the Grand Venerable Patriarch, S. S. Davis.

The Grand Chancellor made the following appointments:

Grand Guide.—R. M. Blanchard, of No. 5.

Grand Inner Steward.—L. K. Peacock, of No. 8.

Grand Outer Steward.—John C. Pray, of No. 6.

Committee on Laws and Supervision.—S. S. Davis, of No. 5; F. W. McKinley, of No. 3; G. F. Shedd, of No. 5.

Committee on Finance.—J. F. Seavey, of No. 6, M. A. Perkins, of No. 2, S. C. Amsden, of No. 3.

Committee on Appeals and Grievances.—R. H. Perkins, of No. 2; Curtis White, of No. 8; William O. Sides, of No. 9.

Committee on Credentials and Returns.—George P. Appleton, of No. 12; John H. Lord, of No. 13; Wilbur F. Horne, of No. 7.

The following Past Chancellors were appointed District Deputy Grand Chancellors, and confirmed:

District Deputy Grand Chancellors.—No. 1, O. H. Copeland, of Newmarket; No. 2, Thornton B. Hoyt, of Exeter; Nos. 3 and 4, F. W. McKinley, of Manchester; No. 5, G. F. Shedd, of Nashua; No. 6, J. F. Seavey, of Dover; No. 7, Wilbur F. Horne, of Rochester; No. 8, James B. Colby, of Concord; No. 9, William O. Sides, of Portsmouth; No. 10, J. H. Rowe, of Epping; No. 11, D. W. Edgerly, of Farmington; No. 12, C. O. Moulton, of Suncook; No. 13, John H. Lord, of Great Falls.

Past Chancellor John H. Lord offered the following preamble and resolution.

Whereas, Rising Sun Lodge, No. 7, of Rochester, lost by fire their property, paraphernalia and charter, therefore be it—

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge furnish said Lodge with a new charter, properly signed and sealed, free of expense to them.

Adopted unanimously.

Past Chancellor A. J. Sides offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, It appears that there are certain portions of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, which are in conflict with portions of the Supreme Constitution which are obligatory and binding upon all Lodges of the Order. Therefore be it—

Resolved, That the Committee on Laws and Supervision be, and are hereby instructed, to present at our next session a revised and corrected Constitution for the government of all Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, and for the Grand Lodge.

Adopted unanimously.

Grand Venerable Patriarch S. S. Davis offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That provided the Grand Chancellor, Grand Scribe and Grand Banker think the condition of the funds of the Grand Lodge will permit, they may pay such part of any outstanding notes against the Grand Lodge as may be thought advisable; or if payment should be demanded by the holders of said notes, said grand officers shall be empowered to effect a new loan for a sum sufficient to meet such payment.

Adopted unanimously.

Upon motion it was voted to pay the Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe the sum of twenty-five dollars per annum for his services, commencing at date.

Past Chancellor G. F. Shedd offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, The officers of this Grand Lodge have performed their duties faithfully during the past term, and with great credit to the Order, therefore be it—

Resolved, That we return our hearty and sincere thanks to the retiring grand officers, for the faithful performance of their duties during the last term.

Adopted unanimously.

Voted, That the Grand Lodge have an exemplification of the work, by Supreme Representative S. S. Davis.

The above vote was complied with.

Bills to Brothers S. C. Clatur, M. A. Perkins, J. L. Dow, and J. T. S. Libby, five dollars each, for attendance at present session, were presented, approved by the Committee on Finance, and ordered to be paid.

Past Grand Chancellor S. S. Davis offered the following:

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to Concord Lodge No. 8, for the use of their hall for the session of this Grand Lodge, and for all favors received.

Adopted unanimously.

The Grand Lodge then listened to some encouraging remarks from Bro. F. A. Chase, Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe, of Massachusetts.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in form, and the Grand Chancellor declared the Grand Lodge adjourned until the second Thursday in February. 1873, at 10 o'clock A. M., unless sooner called together in special session.

Adjourned at twelve o'clock P. M.

JOSEPH L. DOW,
G. R. and C. S.

LIST OF OFFICERS FOR 1872.

G. V. P., S. S. Davis, of Nashua.
G. C., Matthew T. Betton, of Portsmouth.
G. V. C., Daniel E. Howard, of Concord.
G. R. and C. S., Joseph L. Dow, of Manchester.
G. B., Silas C. Clatur, of Manchester.
G. G., R. M. Blanchard, of Nashua.
G. I. S., L. K. Peacock, of Concord.
G. O. S., John C. Pray, of Dover.

Committee on Laws and Supervision.

S. S. Davis, of No. 5; F. W. McKinley, of No. 3; G. F. Shedd, of No. 5.

Committee on Finance.

J. F. Seavey, of No. 6; M. A. Perkins, of No. 2; S. C. Amsden, of No. 3.

Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

R. H. Perkins, of No. 2; Curtis White, of No. 8; William O. Sides, of No. 9.

Committee on Credentials and Returns.

George P. Appleton, of No. 12; John H. Lord, of No. 13; Wilbur F. Horne, of No. 7.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

THIRD SESSION.

PYTHIAN HALL, Portsmouth, Feb. 13, 1873.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at a quarter to eleven o'clock A. M., and was opened in usual form.

The grand officers were all present.

The following Lodges were represented: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15.

The Grand Chancellor appointed Past Chancellor J. B. Colby, of No. 8, as chairman of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, in place of Past Chancellor R. H. Perkins, of No. 2, who was absent.

The Committee on Credentials reported Past Chancellor L. B. Moulton, of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 7, without his certificate.

Upon motion it was voted that he be admitted, the semi-annual report showing as a credential.

The same committee reported the following Past Chancellors, as having duly attested certificates, entitling them to seats in the Grand Lodge:

Pioneer Lodge, No. 1.—David A. Stevens.

Swamscott Lodge, No. 2.—Joshua R. Smith.

Granite Lodge, No. 3.—William E. Moore, A. E. Metcalf.

Merrimack Lodge, No. 4.—Roland C. Rowell, John D. Patterson, Albert Story.

Nashua Lodge, No. 5.—O. W. Towns, C. S. Bussell.

Olive Branch Lodge, No. 6.—Alonzo P. Pinkham.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 7.—J. J. Smith, L. B. Moulton.

Concord Lodge, No. 8.—Albert W. Smith, John W. Saul.

Damon Lodge, No. 9.—Edward D. Coffin, William Kennedy, Thornton Betton.

Pawtuckaway Lodge, No. 10.—Charles H. Norris.

Harmony Lodge, No. 11.—Rufus B. Foss, Albert O. Delano, E. F. Jones, C. H. Curtis.

Oriental Lodge, No. 12.—Charles H. Sanborn.

Prospect Lodge, No. 13.—Kirk W. Moses, John W. Grey.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 14.—N. D. Corser.

Sullivan Lodge, No. 15.—Fred. L. Barker.

The above Past Chancellors having been admitted, the Grand Lodge degree was conferred upon them.

The records of the last session were then read and approved.

On motion the Grand Lodge then proceeded to listen to the reading of the Grand Chancellor's report:

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHANCELLOR.

To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

Officers and Brothers: Another year has passed, with its usual cares and perplexities, and we are again permitted to assemble in this our annual convocation, to deliberate and to legislate for the best interests and improvement of our beloved Order. It becomes us, as intelligent and worthy knights, to render our acknowledgments to the Supreme Chancellor above, for the manifold blessings and favors we have enjoyed, and for the success of our brotherhood throughout the land. May the true spirit of friendship and charity permeate all the proceedings of this grand body, and may the business here transacted be for the general welfare and advancement of the Order.

I congratulate you, my brothers, that we have so much to

cheer, gratify and encourage us. The progress of the Order throughout the entire jurisdiction has been rapid, and some of the Lodges have almost doubled their membership.

I submit herewith the following report for your consideration, viz:

Pioneer Lodge No. 1, *Newmarket.*—I visited them and found them doing well. D. D. G. C. Copeland writes me that he installed the officers of the Lodge on the 15th of January, and the Lodge numbers forty-three members, four having been added during the year. The attendance is small, and he regrets to say that the lack of interest is general. The new Ritual revived them for a time, during which the Lodge was lively, but they have again settled into their former inactivity, although I have since heard that they are reviving again. Let us, as true knights, lend them a helping hand.

Swamscott Lodge No. 2, *Exeter.*—I have visited this Lodge several times, and found the meetings well attended, and although they have been laboring under serious private difficulties, the sun of their prosperity has at last smiled upon them, and they now stand second to none in this jurisdiction. It has a fine set of officers, who are determined to make the Lodge work harmoniously and in strict accordance with the Constitution. As District Deputy Hoyt says, "they mean business."

Granite Lodge, No. 3, *and Merrimack Lodge, No.* 4, *Manchester.*—I think these Lodges are the best located in the State, and they are doing a good work. D. D. G. C. McKinley says: "The two Lodges work in perfect harmony, owning in common the furniture and paraphernalia, which is insured for fourteen hundred and fifty dollars. They have added during the past year a new carpet, at a cost of seven hundred dollars. Each Lodge has purchased a lot in the cemetery—an act worthy of imitation. I have visited Manchester several times during the year, but have never had the opportunity and pleasure of visiting the Lodges, but Past Grand Chancellors Dow and Clatur have done so, thereby saving this grand body the expense which would have been incurred by my personal attendance. Both Lodges are increasing in membership, and too much praise cannot be awarded them.

Nashua Lodge, No. 5, *Nashua.*—I visited this Lodge January 5th, and found them established in an elegant hall, and thoroughly in earnest in the work of promulgating the merits of the principles of the Order. I had the pleasure of installing their officers for the present term, and passed a very pleasant evening with them.

Olive Branch Lodge, No. 6, *Dover.*—This Lodge I visited early in the season, and found them familiar with the work, and the full spirit of the Order in their midst. D. D. G. C. Seavey writes: "We have had a successful year in our Lodge, having made additions of good men, although we have not increased our numbers as we might if we had taken all who have applied. Our idea of a good Lodge is one that stands high in morality. Our numbers are now about eighty. The greatest harmony prevails

with us. We have elected and installed an excellent set of officers and expect the coming year will be more prosperous than the past has been, if possible. We have not lost any member by death the past year, and have not been called on to pay benefits except in one case, amounting to twenty-five dollars."

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 7, *Rochester.*—This Lodge I visited and found them well up in the work, and composed of men of fine material and determined energy; and although having passed through the trying ordeal of fire, they have come out bright, and notwithstanding they are small in numbers are fully alive in the good work.

Concord Lodge, No. 8, *Concord.*—One of the best Lodges in the jurisdiction. I visited them a short time ago, and found them well posted in the Ritual, and their meeting was well attended. The Lodge is composed of some of the best men in the city, and is destined to take a high position in the constellation of Lodges.

Damon Lodge, No. 9, *Portsmouth.*—Of this Lodge I have the honor to be a member. It is growing rapidly, and is in a flourishing condition. It is composed of good men, who take an interest in the principles of the Order, and I may say it is one of the best in the State.

Pawtuckaway Lodge, No. 10, *Exeter.*—When I visited this Lodge, entirely unexpected by them, they worked without the Ritual, in a manner unsurpassed, and highly gratifying to me.

Harmony Lodge, No. 11, *Farmington.*—I visited this Lodge February 5th, and it was well attended. Five applications were read during my attendance, the first with one exception since its institution. It is well officered by brothers who take an interest in the welfare of the Order.

Oriental Lodge, No. 12, *Suncook.*—D. D. G. C. Moulton writes as follows: "Oriental Lodge during the past year has initiated eighteen, all of whom have taken three degrees. We have paid all our expenses, including paraphernalia, &c., have one hundred dollars invested, and forty dollars in the hands of the Banker. We have paid fifty-six dollars for sick benefits. We think we are getting along quite well, considering onr field of operations. We would be pleased to have you visit us—we need some instructions. There have been changes in the work, and perhaps we may have things slightly mixed. Everything goes on harmoniously, and peace prevails.'

Prospect Lodge, No. 13, *Great Falls.*—D. D. G. C. Lord writes as follows: "Agreeably to my duty, I now report to you that on Thursday, January 2d, I installed the officers of this Lodge in regular form. Our Lodge has not added so many in numbers as most of the others for the past year, for having several other orders which use their influence against us, it is up-hill work. Our Lodge is composed of many of the substantial men of the place, and we act on the motto, 'Not members but quali-

ty,' hoping to increase, if at all, to a model Lodge. We have initiated but two the present term, having been laboring under some disadvantages, which we hope before long will be remedied. I have granted one dispensation to confer the three degrees on a candidate the same evening during this term, and have sent the required fee to the Grand Scribe." I visited Great Falls, and delivered the new Rituals to the proper officers.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 14, *Fisherville.*—Accompanied by the grand officers, I instituted this Lodge early in the season. D. D. G. C. Corser writes as follows: "We have not endeavored to increase our numbers much the past term, as the number of initiations (only three) shows. The total receipts for the term ending December 31st, 1872, are $130.37—some $66.00 of which were contributed by members of the Lodge. The total expenses were $114.70, leaving a balance in the hands of the Master of Exchequer on the first day of January, 1873, of $15.67. We have had no cases of sickness, and of course paid nothing for benefits. We had no trouble in working with the new Ritual, but the prevailing opinion is that it is most too much amplified."

Sullivan Lodge, No 15, *Claremont.*—In company with the grand officers, I instituted this Lodge August 2d, 1872, with ten charter members. It is composed of sterling men, and will I hope take a high stand in the Order. They have had severe trials to contend with, but are of such material as will overcome all difficulties, and will aim to make it a first-class Lodge.

I have granted dispensations to Myrtle Lodge, No. 14, and to Sullivan Lodge, No. 15, and would recommend that charters be granted them by this Grand Lodge.

In the report of our last Grand Chancellor the subject of printing was urged upon your attention. I would again impress upon this Grand Lodge the importance of having the proceedings printed, and hope that some arrangement will be made to accomplish so desirable an object.

There are several articles in our Constitution that need revising, but I hope that at the next session of the Supreme Lodge they will be rectified. The majority of the Lodges are uniforming themselves, and I trust that we shall have a general muster this season.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I would return my sincere thanks to the officers and members of this Grand Lodge, for the respect shown me, and for their kindness in aiding me in carrying on the business of the Order, and also to the several District Deputies for their promptness in reporting the condition of the Order in their districts. And now, officers and brothers, in laying off the insignia of office and returning to the ranks, may we all remember with grateful hearts the favors we have received at the hands of our Divine Father, and may we endeavor to live more closely to the princi-

ples of our beloved Order, and show to the outside world that we are in deed and in truth *Brothers*—whether in the enjoyment of prosperity or while laboring under the direst of afflictions.

Yours, in F. C. and B.,

(Signed) M. T. BETTON,
GRAND CHANCELLOR.

Portsmouth, Feb. 13, 1873.

Voted, That the report of the Grand Chancellor be accepted and placed on file.

The Committee on Laws and Supervision presented their report, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAWS AND SUPERVISION.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

The Committee on Laws and Supervision would beg leave to submit the following report: During the past year the Subordinate Lodges named below have submitted by-laws, or amendments to them, to us, and we have carefully examined them and made such corrections as the general laws of the Order required, and have added our approval. The changes made in the Ritual and in the general laws by the Supreme Lodge at its last session, will necessitate many changes in the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, and also in their by-laws. We would recommend that all Subordinate Lodges make such changes as may be required, that they may be in complete uniformity to the laws supreme to ours. We would recommend to all our Lodges economy in all their business transactions, and strict fidelity to the Ritual and usages of the Order.

Olive Branch Lodge, No. 6; Damon Lodge, No. 9; Harmony Lodge, No. 11; Oriental Lodge, No. 12.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) S. S. DAVIS,
G. F SHEDD,
F. W. McKINLEY.

Portsmouth, Feb. 13, 1873.

The report was accepted and placed on file.

Voted, That the hour of three o'clock P. M. be fixed for the election of grand officers.

Voted, To reconsider the vote placing the Grand Chancellor's report on file.

Voted, That the report of the Grand Chancellor be referred to the Committee on Laws and Supervision.

The report of the Grand Banker was then read, as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRAND BANKER.

Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

The following is the report of your Grand Banker, for the year ending February 12th, 1873.

Amount in the hands of the Grand Banker at last report, ...	$283 84	
Received of G. R. and C. S. during the year,	610 25	
Total, ...	894 09	
Amount paid out, ...	775 96	
Leaving a balance of		$118 13

The proper vouchers are in my hand for the same.

Faithfully submitted, in F. C. and B.,

(Signed) S. C. CLATUR,
GRAND BANKER.

Portsmouth, Feb. 13th, 1873.

The report was referred to the Committee on Finance, who made the following report:

The Committee on Finance have examined the above report and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

(Signed) J. F. SEAVEY,
M. A. PERKINS,
S. C. AMSDEN.

Portsmouth, Feb. 13, 1873.

The report of the Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe was then read, as follows:

REPORT OF THE G. R. AND C. S.

Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

BRETHREN: I herewith present to you my report for the year ending January 1st, 1873. The Order in this jurisdiction is in a prosperous condition. Its growth has been gradual, but steady, and it is a source of much pleasure to state that a spirit of har-

mony prevails throughout the Order. Two new Lodges have been instituted since we last met.

NEW LODGES.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 14, *Fisherville,* was instituted June 11th, 1872, and is prospering.

Sullivan Lodge, No. 15, *Claremont,* was instituted August 2d, 1872. This Lodge started with but ten charter members, and charged but $5.00 for membership, which amount was not sufficient to pay the actual expenses of instituting; but, with a little assistance, they are now doing well.

All claims against this grand Lodge have been paid. The loan of three hundred dollars ($300.00), obtained at the first annual session, has been paid in full.

RECEIPTS.

There has been received from the several Lodges since the last session of the Grand Lodge, the sum of $610.25, as per cash book, for which I have the vouchers of the Grand Banker.

MEMBERSHIP.

The present number of members is 920; the number of members at the last report was 756, showing an increase in membership of 164, over all losses by suspension for N. P. D., &c.

With many thanks for the courtesies extended to me by all during the past year, and with the best wishes for the prosperity of the Order, I beg leave to submit this my brief report, hoping that the coming term will be more prosperous than any since the formation of our beloved Order.

Fraternally, in F. C. and B.,

(Signed) JOSEPH L. DOW,
G. R. and C. S.

Portsmouth, Feb. 13, 1873.

The above report was referred to the Committee on Laws and Supervision.

Voted, That all Past Chancellors having resolutions to offer present them at this time.

Past Chancellor J. B. Colby offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That all Rituals and other secret work of the Order shall at all times be kept in the Lodge room, and that no part of them shall be copied. Any person violating the provisions of this resolution shall be suspended during the pleasure of the Lodge of which he may be a member.

Adopted.

Past Chancellor Roland C. Rowell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That our representatives to the next session of the Supreme Lodge be and are hereby instructed to present the following petition to that body:

To the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the World:

We, the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire, respectfully represent to your honorable body that we consider it conducive to the good of the Order to allow Chancellor Commanders seats on the floor of the Grand Lodge, and we hereby petition for authority to add the following to Section II, Article II, Constitution of Grand Lodge: "Chancellor Commanders of Lodges in good working condition shall be allowed seats in the Grand Lodge, and by courtesy of the Grand Lodge they may be permitted to speak upon any question relating to affairs of their own Subordinate Lodges, but shall have no vote."

The above resolution was referred to the Committee on Laws and Supervision, who submitted the following report:

The Committee on Laws and Supervision have had under consideration the resolution offered by Past Chancellor R. C. Rowell, and Signed by Past Chancellor J. D. Patterson and others, and would report: That while we feel ready to further all measures tending for the welfare of the Order, we hesitate to recommend to petition the Supreme Lodge for any laws which in our opinion would not benefit the Order. All are aware that every Subordinate Lodge has one or more Past Chancellors, who may attend the sessions of the Grand Lodge, and who should faithfully represent their Lodge, and faithfully report to them the doings of the Grand Lodge. What strength would be added to the representation, or what benefit the Subordinate Lodges would derive, should this legislation be had, your committee fail to see. The whole organic law of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge must be changed to accomplish the object desired, which we feel the Supreme Lodge would not entertain, and the Committee do not believe would result in any benefit to the Order. We therefore most respectfully, while respecting the sincerity of the brothers offering the resolution, feel compelled to offer the following:

Resolved, That the resolution submitted be not adopted.

(Signed) S. S. Davis,
G. F. Shedd,
F. W. McKinley.

The report and resolution were adopted.

The Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe then read the

following appeal from Kt. T. E. Boutelle, of Swamscott Lodge No. 2, Exeter:

EXETER, February 13th, 1873.

To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

In April, 1872, I preferred charges against Bro. John S. Hayes, a copy of which is herewith enclosed. Having ascertained that he was not square upon the books, which the Constitution strictly requires, and the Worthy Chancellor denying that he had given him the password, I did my best to get the committee to act upon it, but failed. At our last session Bro. Hayes was elected to office. I forbade our D. D. G. C. from installing him, but was told by him that he should do it. I then wrote the facts to the Grand Chancellor. I received no reply until after the installation, when I received a letter sanctioning it. But deeming myself that it was rather an irregular transaction to establish as a precedent, I respectfully refer the matter to your honorable body.

(Signed) T. E. BOUTELLE, KT.

[COPY OF CHARGES.]

To the Worthy Chancellor, Officers and Brethren of Swamscott Lodge, No. 2, Knights of Pythias:

WHEREAS, Bro. John S. Hayes, Kt., did, at a regular meeting of the Lodge, holden March 27th, 1872, enter the Lodge, and did then and there accept and hold the office of Vice Chancellor, *pro tem*, and has at divers other times during the present term met with the Lodge at their regular and stated meetings. And whereas the said John S. Hayes was not on these occasions square upon the books, Therefore, as in duty bound, I prefer against him the following charge, to wit: That Bro. John S. Hayes, on entering the Lodge on the 27th of March, and divers other times during the present term, knowing full well that he was not entitled to the S. A. P. W., has violated the established laws, rules and regulations of the Order, disregarded the Constitution, and being guilty of practicing false pretences and fraud upon the Lodge.

(Signed) THOMAS E. BOUTELLE, KT.

Exeter, April 3, 1872.

Referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, who reported as follows:

After carefully examining the case we find no just grounds for sustaining the charge, and would recommend that the same be dismissed.

(Signed) JAMES B. COLBY,
CURTIS WHITE,
O. H. COPELAND.

The report and recommendation were adopted.

Past Chancellor William E. Moore, of Granite Lodge, No. 3, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge it is inexpedient for the Subordinate Lodges to attempt the working of the amplified third rank in the new Ritual.

Referred to the Committee on Laws and Supervision, who reported as follows:

The Committee on Laws and Supervision have had under consideration the resolution relating to the amplified third rank, and believing it unwise for this Grand Lodge to say by its vote that any of the secret work emanating from the Supreme Lodge should not be used by the Subordinate Lodges, we would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That further action on this resolution be indefinitely postponed.

(Signed) S. S. Davis,
G. F. Shedd,
F. W. KcKinley.

The report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report:

The Committee on Finance have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe, and of the Grand Banker, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

(Signed) J. F. Seavey,
M. A. Perkins,
S. C. Amsden.

Past Grand Chancellor J. T. S. Libby offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Representatives to the Supreme Lodge shall make up their report immediately on their return from the session, and cause the same to be printed, and copies sent to each Subordinate Lodge in the State, said report to embrace the decisions and enactments of the Supreme Lodge, the expense to be paid by this Grand Lodge. Such report shall also be entered upon the journal of the session of the Grand Lodge following.

Adopted unanimously.

Past Chancellor J. F. Seavey presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the next session of the Grand Lodge be holden with Olive Branch Lodge of Dover.

Voted, That the resolution be laid on the table.

Past Chancellor George P. Appleton presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the next session of the Grand Lodge be holden at Suncook.

Voted, That the resolution be laid on the table.

Voted, That any resolutions lying on the table be now taken up and acted upon.

Past Grand Chancellor S. S. Davis extended an invitation to the Grand Lodge to hold its next session at Nashua.

Upon a vote being taken, it was decided to hold the next annual session of the Grand Lodge with Oriental Lodge, No. 12, Suncook.

The following report was then presented:

The Committee on Laws and Supervision, to whom was referred the report of the Grand Chancellor, beg leave to submit the following report: That so much of the report as relates to the granting of dispensations to Myrtle Lodge, No. 14, and Sullivan Lodge, No. 15, be approved, and your committee would recommend that the Grand Lodge grant them charters duly signed and sealed. Also that so much of said report as relates to the printing of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, be referred to the special committee appointed at the last session of the Grand Lodge; and so much as relates to the uniforming of the members, we would recommend that the Lodges, so far as in their power, obtain uniforms in conformity with the Order, and that we consider the suggestion of a general muster very desirable, when a suitable number have obtained uniforms. Your committee would further recommend that the report of the Grand Chancellor be accepted and entered upon the records of this meeting.

(Signed) S. S Davis,
G. F. Shedd,
F. W. McKinley.

The report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

Past Grand Chancellor A. J. Sides made a motion that the hour of adjournment for the morning session be fixed at a quarter to one o'clock P. M., which was carried.

The hour having arrived, the Grand Lodge adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called to order by the Grand Chancellor at 2 o'clock P. M.

Past Grand Chancellor J. L. Dow offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That our representatives to the Supreme Lodge be instructed to urge the repeal of the law which makes a person only eligible for Vice Chancellor who has held an appointive office.

Adopted unanimously.

The report of the Representatives to the Supreme Lodge was then presented, as follows:

REPORT OF SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members af the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of New Hampshire:

BROTHERS: Your Representatives to the Supreme Lodge, having attended the session of that body, would submit a brief report of the business transacted:

The session was held in Baltimore, and a full representation was present. The members were cordially received by the Maryland Knights, in uniform, and escorted to the hall. Many courtesies were extended to us by the Maryland brothers, of which we will not speak in detail, but record our thanks for all their generous favors. The business transacted was very important, affecting every member of the Order personally, and we trust will meet the wants of our rapidly increasing brotherhood. The Journal of Proceedings being in the hands of every Lodge, the acts of that body are well known to the members of the Order generally, and but for the requirements of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, you would hardly expect from us any report. The Order being

considered a semi-military organization, the word "Degree" or "Degrees" is stricken out, and the word "Rank" substituted.

MASTER OF FINANCE.

The Master of Finance must notify all brothers who are in arrears for dues.

S. A. P. W.

The S. A. P. W. cannot be given to a brother who is in arrears for dues.

SUSPENSIONS.

A member cannot be suspended for non-payment of dues, until he is in arrears for twelve months' dues.

CHAPLAIN.

A Subordinate Lodge may elect or appoint a Chaplain for the funeral service. It is not a fixed office.

ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE.

The Keeper of Records and Seals, Master of Finance, and the Master of Exchequer, are not eligible for the office of Chancellor Commander, unless they have served in some appointive office.

O. B. N.

This is given only to the Chancellor Commander in the installation of officers.

"KNEEL OR KNEELING."

This is stricken out of the Ritual and funeral service, and "stand or standing" substituted, except in the first rank.

PAST CHANCELLOR.

A brother who has served full time as Chancellor Commander is entitled to the rank of Past Chancellor, but is not one until he has been obligated and received the rank. He may wear a Past Chancellor's collar until the next session of the Grand Lodge.

HONORS.

If a Chancellor Commander resigns, the Vice Chancellor may be promoted to his place, but he can only receive the honors of Vice Chancellor.

BENEFITS.

The term "benefits" means all advantages and privileges.

LODGE DISBANDING.

No Lodge can disband or surrender its charter, so long as

nine members are willing to sustain the Lodge, except by consent of the Grand Lodge, or of the Grand Chancellor during its recess.

WEARING UNIFORM.

The Grand Chancellor and grand officers may wear the "Fatigue Uniform," when visiting or instituting a Lodge.

APPEALS.

All appeals to the Supreme Lodge must be by consent of the Grand Lodge. They must be sent to the Supreme Scribe at least one month before the session of the Supreme Lodge.

SUSPENDING A LODGE.

A Grand Chancellor may suspend a Lodge for cause.

SEMI-MONTHLY VS. WEEKLY MEETINGS.

A Grand Lodge may issue a dispensation to a Subordinate Lodge, allowing it to hold semi-monthly meetings, when for the good of the Lodge.

VACANCIES.

Vacancies may be filled by the Grand Chancellor, until the next session of the Grand Lodge, in case of death or resignation of a Supreme Representative, if so ordered by the Grand Lodge.

AGE OF CANDIDATES.

A Subordinate Lodge may frame by-laws, prescribing the age of candidates to be twenty-one years as the minimum, and forty years as the maximum.

REVISED RITUAL.

The Ritual was revised, and the Amplified Third Rank adopted. The titles of Subordinate Lodge officers were changed. A key was furnished to aid in exemplifying the work.

UNIFORM.

The Fatigue Uniform was re-adopted, and cannot be changed for ten years, as the law reads.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The proposition for two or more new ranks was referred to a committee, to report at the next session. Also to copy the Ritual in cypher, and make diagrams of the work.

There was a vast amount of business proposed, which fortunately was not enacted. We will not consume time in making mention of it. The Supreme Lodge was composed largely of new members, which may account for the large amount of legislation proposed not required by the Supreme Lodge. Many en-

tertain the idea that the Supreme Lodge must legislate for each and every Lodge—must settle all their trouble. Very much belongs to the grand bodies of the several jurisdictions, in acting for the subordinate bodies, always keeping within the bounds prescribed by the Supreme Lodge. Were this practice adopted by all State Grand Lodges, and wisely managed, much relief would be afforded the Supreme Lodge. There is danger of too much legislation rather than too little.

On the important questions which came before the Supreme Lodge, your Representatives endeavored to represent the wishes of their constituents, always having in view the welfare of the Order throughout our whole country. We believe there is too much of a disposition to hurry through measures, without due consideration of their general results; to do one year and undo the next. By this course the subordinate bodies lose confidence in the Supreme Lodge. We are happy to say that there are good and true men, who have no ambition but to legislate for the good of the whole. When new men are sent every year, it is impossible to legislate with that wisdom and care as when the best men of all jurisdictions are selected. The new Rituals are received, and we are happy to know they are so favorably accepted. The officers of the Supreme Lodge were chosen for two years, and duly installed, this jurisdiction having a share of the honors, which we can say in truth were unsought and unexpected. The next session of the Supreme Lodge is to be held in Richmond, Virginia.

With many thanks to you, brothers, for the honor conferred upon us, we submit this report.

Very Repectfully,

(Signed) S. S. DAVIS, M. A. PERKINS. } *Supreme Representatives.*

The report was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

The hour for the election of grand officers having arrived, the Grand Lodge proceeded to their election, with the following result:

Venerable Grand Patriarch.—M. T. Betton, of Damon Lodge, No. 9.

Grand Chancellor.—Daniel E. Howard, of Concord Lodge, No. 8.

Vice Grand Chancellor.—Albert Story, of Merrimack Lodge, No. 4.

Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe.—Frank E. Rollins, Swamscott Lodge, No. 2.

Grand Banker.—L. B. Moulton, of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 7.

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVE.—J. T. S. Libby, of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 6, for two years.

Upon motion it was voted that the hour for the installation of grand officers be fixed at 7½ o'clock P. M.

The bill of the Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe, for thirty-nine dollars and twenty cents, ($39.20) approved by the Committee on Finance, was ordered to be paid.

The Grand Chancellor's bill, for sixty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents, ($68.75) approved by the Committee on Finance, was ordered to be paid.

The special Committee on Printing presented the following report:

To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

BROTHERS: The special Committee on Printing Proceedings, appointed at the last session, would submit the following report: Your committee appealed to all the Lodges for contributions for said purpose, and succeeded in raising about one hundred dollars, ($100.00) which was not found sufficient to pay the expense of printing. We were not authorized to draw on the funds of the Grand Lodge, and therefore could not enter upon the work, and all contributions were withdrawn. We would, in view of the favorable condition of our finances, recommend that a committee of three be appointed to compile and print the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, from its organization, and that the Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe be instructed to furnish the copy; that the committee may draw on the Grand Banker for funds to pay for the same; that, if necessary, the Grand Banker may borrow a sum sufficient to meet the expense.

(Signed) S. S. DAVIS,
J. L. DOW,
J. T. S. LIBBY.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Grand Lodge Constitution presented the following report:

That Section 1, Article 6, be amended by striking out of the second and third lines, as follows: "G. G., G. I. S. and G. O. S.," and insert the same in the sixth line, just before the words, "District Deputy;" also inserting after the words, "should vacancies," in the eighth line, "either in elected or appointed officers;" also inserting in the tenth line, after the word "filled," the words, "by the Grand Chancellor until," and striking out the word "at," after the word "filled." Also striking out the entire

description of outside regalia, as found in Section 2, Article 8. Submitted by the Committee on Laws and Supervision.

(Signed) S. S. Davis,
F. W. McKinley.

The report was adopted.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned at 5½ o'clock, to meet at 7 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 7 o'clock P. M., by the Grand Chancellor.

At 7½ o'clock the Grand Lodge proceeded to install the grand officers elect, which was done by Past Grand Chancellor M. T. Betton, assisted by Grand Venerable Patriarch S. S. Davis.

Grand Chancellor Daniel E. Howard then made the following appointments for the ensuing year:

Grand Guide.—R. M. Blanchard, of No. 5.

Grand Inner Steward.—William Kennedy, of No. 9.

Grand Outer Steward.—George P. Appleton, of No. 12.

District Deputy Grand Chancellors.—No. 2, T. B. Hoyt, of Exeter; Nos. 3 and 4, J. D. Patterson, of Manchester; No. 5, G. F. Shedd, of Nashua; No. 6, John C. Pray, of Dover; No. 7, Fred. Feneman, of Rochester; No. 8, J. S. Merrill, of Concord; No. 9, William O. Sides, of Portsmouth; No. 10, Charles H. Norris, of Epping; No. 11, R. B. Foss, of Farmington; No. 12, George P. Appleton, of Suncook; No. 13, Kirk W. Moses, of Great Falls; No. 15, Fred. L. Barker, of Claremont.

Committee on Laws and Supervision.—S. S. Davis, of No. 5; J. L. Dow, of No. 3; G. F. Shedd, of No. 5.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.—N. D. Corser, No. 14; A. P. Pinkham, No. 6; L. L. Aldrich, No. 3.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.—J. H. Lord, No. 13; J. B. Colby, No. 8; A. J. Sides, No. 9.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS.—O. H. Copeland, No. 1; Frank Bean, No. 10; Charles H. Curtis, No. 11.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.—S. S. Davis, No. 5; J. L. Dow, No. 3; William E. Moore, No. 3.

Past Chancellor S. C. Amsden offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Article 5, Section 1, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be so amended as to read, in the second line, "second Thursday in May."

The above resolution was signed by Past Chancellors M. A. Perkins, of No. 2, George W. Tilton, of No. 10, S. C. Amsden, of No. 3, N. D. Corser, of No. 14, and Kirk W. Moses, of No. 13.

Voted, That the resolution be laid on the table until the next session of the Grand Lodge.

The following communication was received from Damon Lodge, No. 9, of Portsmouth:

To Matthew T. Betton, Grand Chancellor:

By a vote of Damon Lodge, No. 9, K. of P., Article 6, Section 1, was changed, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge, to read as follows: "The initiation fee for the Page Rank to be ten dollars ($10.00); the fee for the Esquire and Knight Rank to be five dollars ($5.00) each, and the money in all cases must accompany the application.

Yours, in F. C. and B.,
(Signed) FRED. ACKERMAN, K. of R. and S.,
Damon Lodge, No. 9, K. of P.

The above communication was referred to the Committee on Laws and Supervision, who reported as follows:

Your committee have examined the within amendment, and would recommend that the same be adopted.
(Signed) S. S. DAVIS,
J. L. DOW.

The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

Past Grand Chancellor S. S. Davis, Supreme Representative, stated to the Grand Lodge that, in consideration of the fact that

he held the office of Supreme Vice Chancellor, and was thereby entitled to a vote and a seat in the Supreme Lodge, and that this jurisdiction should have as many representatives as possible in that body, he would respectfully tender his resignation as Supreme Representative from this Grand Lodge.

After some discussion the resignation was accepted, and it was voted to proceed to the election of a Supreme Representative for one year.

The Grand Chancellor appointed as tellers, Bros. J. H. Lord, of No. 13, and S. W. Shepard, of No. 4.

The ballot having been taken, S. C. Clatur, of No. 3, was declared elected.

Voted, That this Grand Lodge return thanks to Bros. H. E. Chamberlin and J. B. Colby, for their kindness in procuring return tickets for the members of the Grand Lodge.

Voted, That we return thanks to Damon Lodge, No. 9, for the use of their hall during the session of the Grand Lodge.

Voted, That we return thanks to the retiring officers for their efficient services during the past year.

Past Chancellor S. C. Amsden offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Chancellor and Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe be instructed to keep a correct account of all the money paid out by them, and for what purposes.

The resolution was adopted.

Past Chancellor Roland C. Rowell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge it is desirable for each Subordinate Lodge to require semi-annual instead of quarterly payments, so that they may correspond with the term of the S. A. P. W.

Referred to the Committee on Laws and Supervision, who presented the following report:

The Committee on Laws and Supervision, to whom was referred the resolution presented by Past Chancellor Rowell, have attended to their duty, and would recommend that the same be adopted.

(Signed) S. S. Davis,
J. L. Dow.

The report was accepted and the recommendation adopted.

Past Chancellor John H. Lord offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Chancellor be instructed to immediately recall all the copies of the "Acroatic Agenda" that have been delivered to various District Deputies, and that they be kept hereafter with the other secret work of the Order.

The resolution was adopted.

Past Grand Chancellor Davis read the amendments to the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, which were adopted.

Upon motion of Past Chancellor Amsden it was voted that the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, as amended, be printed as soon as practicable.

Upon motion it was voted that Past Grand Chancellor Davis exemplify the secret work, which was complied with.

Voted, That we return our thanks to Bro. Davis for the thorough exemplification of the work.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in form, and the Grand Chancellor declared the Grand Lodge adjourned until the second Thursday in February, 1874, at 10 o'clock A. M., unless sooner called together in special session.

FRANK E. ROLLINS,
G. R. and C. S.

LIST OF OFFICERS FOR 1873.

G. V. P., Matthew T. Betton, of Portsmouth.
G. C., Daniel E. Howard, of Concord.
G. V. C., Albert Story, of Manchester.
G. R. and C. S., Frank E. Rollins, of Exeter.
G. B., Larkin B. Moulton, of Rochester.
G. G., R. M. Blanchard, of Nashua.
G. I. S., William Kennedy, of Portsmouth.
G. O. S., George P. Appleton, of Suncook.

Committee on Laws and Supervision.

S. S. Davis, of No. 5; J. L. Dow, of No. 3; G. F. Shedd, of No. 5.

Committee on Finance.

N. D. Corser, of No. 14; A. P. Pinkham, of No. 6; L. L. Aldrich, of No. 3.

Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

J. H. Lord, of No. 13; J. B. Colby, of No. 8; A. J. Sides, of No. 9.

Committee on Credentials and Returns.

O. H. Copeland, of No. 1; Frank Bean, of No. 10; Charles Curtis, of No. 11.

Committee on Printing.

S. S. Davis, of No. 5; J. L. Dow, of No. 3; W. E. Moore, of No. 3.

TABLE ONE.

SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE ORDER IN NEW HAMPSHIRE, JULY 1, 1873.

NO.	NAME.	LOCATION.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	No. members at last report.	Initiated during the term.	Admitted by card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Deaths.	Total membership.	Rejected.	P. G. C.	P. C.	Knights.	Esquires.	Pages.	Receipts.	Amount paid for relief.	Total Expenses.	On hand and invested.
1	Pioneer,	New Market,	Wednesday,	43	0					1	42			9	33			$173.35	$ 36.00	$152.24	$ 38.17
2	Swamscott,	Exeter,	Wednesday,	53	3		1				57		1	9	45	2		177.50		105.00	77.66
3	Granite,	Manchester,	Monday,	118	18		1		8	2	127	1	2	8	112	1	4	626.45	342.00	180.99	396.30
4	Merrimack,	Manchester,	Friday,	102	6			2	2		104	3	1	6	96		1	470.53	20.00	262.68	432.46
5	Nashua,	Nashua,	Tuesday,	77	4				4		77	2	2	8	66		1	215.00	6.00	155.90	155.90
6	Olive Branch,	Dover,	Wednesday,	76	9	1		1	1		92	3	1	10	73	4	4	516.00	18.00	483.70	215.98
7	Rising Sun,	Rochester,	Thursday,	40	27		25				92	2		7	74	4	7	432.00	6.00	161.68	286.92
8	Concord,	Concord,	Wednesday,	75	5	1		1			80		1	9	61	4	5	236.80	130.00	114.88	172.94
9	Damon,	Portsmouth,	Tuesday,	108	8				2		114	1	2	8	99	1	4	343.00		189.43	456.36
10	Pawtuckaway,	Epping,	Tuesday,	39					2		37		1	6	30			50.00		35.00	25.00
11	Harmony,	Farmington,	Wednesday,	40	27		1		1		67	5		4	57	6		547.50		190.86	356.64
12	Oriental,	Suncook,	Wednesday,	38	4				1	1	40	3		5	35			142.00	52.00	79.75	150.25
13	Prospect,	Great Falls,	Wednesday,	31	6	1					38	1	1	3	32	1	1	120.00		61.95	76.52
14	Myrtle,	Fisherville,	Wedne day,	23	1						24			4	20			140.96		137.67	
15	Sullivan,	Claremont,	Tuesday,	21	6				1		26			2	23		1	138.45		177.18	13.85
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Knights of Pythias of the State of New Hampshire.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE

OF

NEW HAMPSHIRE,

INCLUDING THE TRANSACTIONS OF THE SPECIAL SESSION, HELD OCTOBER 17th, 1873, THE FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION, FEBRUARY 12th, 1874, AND OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION, HELD FEBRUARY 11th, 1875.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS,

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

SPECIAL SESSION.

MANCHESTER, OCTOBER 17, 1873.

The Special Session of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of New Hampshire, was held in Pythian Hall, Manchester.

The Grand Lodge was called to order by Grand Chancellor DANIEL E. HOWARD.

All the Grand Officers were present, except the Venerable Grand Patriarch. The Grand Chancellor appointed Brother JOHN D. PATTERSON, of Merrimack No. 3, to that position, and the Grand Lodge was then opened in regular form.

Voted, That the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Session be dispensed with.

At the request of the Grand Chancellor, the Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe, FRANK E. ROLLINS, read

the Petition for the call of the Special Session, which was as follows:

To Daniel E. Howard, Grand Chancellor of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire:

Dear Sir and Brother: We, the undersigned, members of the Lodges herein named, do petition and request you to call a Special Session of the Grand Lodge to consider the following matters pertaining to the interests of our Order:

1. To see if the Grand Lodge will order an assessment per capita, or otherwise provide our proportionate amount of funds to meet the present financial embarrassment of the Supreme Lodge, and forward the same at the earliest possible moment to the Supreme Scribe pro tem., and thus prove our loyalty to the Supreme Lodge and the best interests of the Order universal.

2. To consider matters which will aid in advancing the interests of the Order in this jurisdiction.

Past Grand Chancellor S. S. DAVIS,
Nashua Lodge, No. 5.
Past Chancellor S. W. SHEPHARD,
Merrimack Lodge, No. 4.
Past Chancellor L. L. ALDRICH,
Granite Lodge, No. 3.
Past Chancellor FRANK E. ROLLINS,
Swamscott Lodge, No. 2.
Past Grand Chancellor A. J. SIDES,
Damon Lodge, No. 9.

The following is the order of the Grand Chancellor, authorizing the Special Session:

Concord, N. H., October 10th, 1873.

In answer to the foregoing petition the Grand Chancellor hereby authorizes and appoints a Special Session of the Grand Lodge,

to be held in Pythian Hall, Manchester, on Friday, October 17th, 1873, at 11 o'clock A. M. Hoping that you will use every endeavor to be present, I remain,

Fraternally Yours,

DANIEL E. HOWARD,

Grand Chancellor.

FRANK E. ROLLINS,

Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe.

Past Chancellor SHEPHARD called upon the Supreme Representatives for a statement of the financial condition of the Supreme Lodge.

Supreme Representatives LIBBEY and CLATUR made some lengthy remarks, and were followed by Brothers ROWELL, MOORE and PATTERSON.

The Grand Chancellor then read the following letter from Supreme Vice Chancellor, S. S. DAVIS:

NASHUA, OCTOBER 15, 1873.

To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of New Hampshire:

OFFICERS AND BROTHERS: The Supreme Lodge, at its last session made provisions for issuing scrip or bonds on which to negotiate for money sufficient to relieve it of its financial embarrassment, it seeming to be the only way it could be done.

It was proposed to the Committee on Finance that each Grand Jurisdiction raise by per capita tax, or otherwise, a proportionate part of the sum needed. But this was met by the statement that it could not be done; that but few if any would pay it; therefore as a last resort the scrip or bond resolutions were introduced, and passed almost unanimously. Ths Supreme Chancellor has delayed issuing said scrip about six months, and probably so long that it will be almost impossible to do anything with it; for this reason I think our Grand Lodge better raise a large proportion of what would be allotted to us to raise (say $250) and send it to the Supreme Scribe, with a statement of the cause and purpose of so

doing, stating that this is all we shall do in the matter,—making the amount a gift instead of receiving scrip.

The debt has, so far as I am informed, been accumu'ating for several years, and a portion is caused by the defalcation of C. M. Barton, or so appears in the absence of the report of the committee to audit his accounts. Hope it may prove otherwise. The existence of financial embarrassment is a fact, and the question is, how it shall be met. Let us pay our portion, and then we can talk to others to do their part. I trust New Hampshire will, at its Special Session, vote to raise $250, and if they do not choose to pay it over now, hold it ready to pay at any moment when the Grand Chancellor shall deem best. I fully believe the Supreme Lodge will come out of all this embarrassment and show itself worthy of the respect and confidence of the members of the Order. We of New Hampshire cannot afford to have the Supreme Lodge fall. As soon as it is destroyed each State will act independently, and laws will be made as different and diverse as the States. And the same with pass words. Our Order will be only a wreck which must in time go to pieces—and that too near—if the Supreme Lodge is not recognized as the head. If it is composed of bad men and bad officers, let us get rid of them as soon as possible and put good men in their places, and thus remove the cause of trouble. What would the world have thought if we as States had said when our own national officers discarded our national government and rebelled against it and depleted our treasury, if we, as States, had said we will abandon it and have no more to do with it because it is so badly managed. Instead of this, nearly half a million of our honored fathers, sons and brothers laid down their lives to sustain it, and to day this nation is the admiration of the world because of our fidelity to the national government. Cannot we show a like fidelity to the national government of our Order, and rise to a noble rescue of it from the hands of any who seek its destruction? Brothers of New Hampshire, let us act wisely and promptly.

Other organizations have passed through similar trials, and because they have nobly endured, and faithfully adhered to their standard, they are to-day a power in the land. If our Order is worth anything it is worth sustaining in its hour of peril. Do not

think that it is simply *men* that we are to support in right or wrong doing in this matter, but principles which will live when these men are in their graves. When we are dead, let it not be said of us that we witheld *our* support and thus contributed to its destruction.

Death—sudden and unexpected—only has prevented me from being with you in council and action. A near and dear relative died last night, and I must go and take a last look of one whom we loved as we loved ourselves, and mingle our tears with those who have lost a loving mother and a dutiful wife. My own dear brother has just sent a second telegram, saying "Be sure and come and weep with me." I cannot deny him this sad request.

My Brothers, I leave this matter with you, believing you will act wisely and do that which is for the best. I would not have you act against your convictions of right and duty, even if against my expressed opinion. With these words, written in the fulness of my love for our Order and its prosperity, I will close.

Solicitous for the happiness of you all, dear Brothers, I am as ever,

Your Obedient Servant,

In F. C. and B.,

S. S. DAVIS,

P. G. C.

Upon motion of Supreme Representative LIBBEY:

Voted, That a committee of five be appointed, to draw up a series of resolutions on the financial condition of the Supreme Lodge, to report at an early hour after dinner.

The Grand Chancellor then appointed Brothers LIBBEY, MOORE, DOW, ROLLINS and KENNEDY as that committee.

Brother F. W. MCKINLEY, on behalf of Granite and Merrimack Lodges, extended an invitation to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge to dine at the Haseltine House, as the guests of those Lodges.

The invitation was accepted.

Voted, That the Grand Lodge adjourn at twelve o'clock M. to meet at two o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 2.20 P. M., Grand Chancellor HOWARD in the chair.

The Committee on Resolutions then presented the following report:

WHEREAS, We have been informed that there is a large indebtedness against the Supreme Lodge, and believing that the success of the Order depends upon the sound financial condition of its Supreme Head, therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire assume one hundred and fifty dollars ($150) of the indebtedness of the Supreme Lodge as its proportion, and will pay the same into the hands of the proper officers upon the following condition: That a sufficient number of Grand Jurisdictions shall assume and pay, or provide for, their proportion of the indebtedness of the Supreme Lodge, to cancel the same.

Resolved, That the Grand Banker forward as soon as the condition of the funds will warrant, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars ($150) to the acting Supreme Scribe, for the purpose set forth, and in case of the neglect or failure of the remaining Grand Jurisdictions to provide for the payment of their proportion of the indebtedness, that the Supreme Lodge shall credit the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire with said sum on account of the Supreme Representative tax in lieu of the annual payment.

J. T. S. LIBBEY,
W. E. MOORE,
J. L. DOW,
FRANK E. ROLLINS,
WM. KENNEDY,
Committee.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Past Chancellor W. E. MOORE:

Resolved, That the Grand Scribe be instructed to forward a communication to each of the Subordinate Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction, informing them of the action of the Grand Lodge at its Special Session, held in Manchester, October 17, 1873, and that each Subordinate Lodge be requested to raise an amount equal to the sum of twenty cents for each member, to meet the proportion of this Grand Jurisdiction in extinguishing the indebtedness of the Supreme Lodge.

Accepted and adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Past Chancellor COTTON and passed unanimously:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered the members of Granite Lodge No. 3, and Merrimack Lodge No. 4, for the very generous manner in which we have been entertained, and for the use of their hall.

There being no further business the Grand Chancellor declared the Grand Lodge closed, at 4 o'clock P. M.

FRANK E. ROLLINS,

G. R. and C. S.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS,

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION.

MANCHESTER, FEBRUARY 12, 1874.

The Fourth Annual Session of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of New Hampshire, was held in Pythian Hall, Globe Block, Manchester.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 11 o'clock A. M., Grand Chancellor DANIEL E. HOWARD in the chair.

Upon a call of the roll the following Grand Officers were found present:

DANIEL E. HOWARD, *Grand Chancellor.*
ALBERT STORY, *Vice Grand Chancellor.*
FRANK E. ROLLINS, *Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe.*
LARKIN B. MOULTON, *Grand Banker.*
RICHARD M. BLANCHARD, *Grand Guide.*

WILLIAM KENNEDY, *Grand Inner Steward.*
GEORGE P. APPLETON, *Grand Outer Steward.*

The Grand Chancellor appointed Past Grand Chancellor S. S. DAVIS as *Venerable Grand Patriarch, pro tem.*

The Grand Lodge was then opened in regular form, and the Grand Chancellor called for the reading of the minutes of the last meetings.

On motion of Past Chancellor BLANCHARD:

Voted, That the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Session be dispensed with, and those only of the Special Session be read.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns reported the following Past Chancellors as entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge:

Pioneer Lodge.—JOHN F. HAM.
Swamscott Lodge.—W. P. TILTON.
Granite Lodge.—SILAS R. WALLACE, SIDNEY J. ELA.
Merrimack Lodge.—FRANK H. HICKOK, CHARLES W. TEMPLE.
Nashua Lodge.—L. C. B. BURKE.
Rising Sun Lodge.—E. J. MATHES, CHARLES E. HARRIMAN.
Concord Lodge.—C. M. LANG.
Damon Lodge.—W. S. NORTON, J. A. DURGIN.
Pawtuckaway Lodge.—A. R. THOMPSON.
Oriental Lodge.—JOHN F. BARTLETT, G. H. LARRABEE, D. S. JONES.
Myrtle Lodge.—ROBERT CROWTHER, CHARLES A. FITCH, D. W. FOX.
Sullivan Lodge.—ELIAS HURD.

The above report was accepted.

The following communication, from Nashua Lodge No. 5, was read:

NASHUA, FEBRUARY 11, 1874.

To the Officers and Past Chancellors of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire:

This is to certify that Brother J. L. THOMPSON was elected a Past Chancellor this evening, by a unanimous vote. The election is to fill a vacancy caused by the re-election of a Past Chancellor as Chancellor Commander, and to make Brother THOMPSON a Past Chancellor, if it can be done consistently with our law and the good of our Order.

Fraternally,

In F. C. and B.,

C. W. HOPKINS,

Chancellor Commander.

G. W. LATHAM,

Keeper of Records and Seal.

The following communication was read from Swamscott Lodge No. 2:

EXETER, FEBRUARY 9, 1874.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of New Hampshire:

BROTHERS: *Whereas*, We have a Past Chancellor who has served one term as Chancellor Commander, and under the Constitution we claim that we are entitled to another, and at a regular meeting held this evening it was voted that we present the following named Brothers, WILLIAM H. DODGE, GEORGE W. WIGGIN, and J. E. S. PRAY, for that office; we would therefore humbly request that you will elect one of them to that position.

J. M. MALLON,

Chancellor Commander.

FRANK E. ROLLINS,

Keeper of Records and Seal.

The above communications were referred to the following

special committee: W. E. MOORE, of No. 3, J. F. SEAVEY, of No. 6, S. W. SHEPHARD, of No. 4.

The following Past Chancellors were then admitted and received the Grand Lodge Degree:

John F. Ham, No. 1.	W. S. Norton, No. 9.
W. P. Tilton, No. 2.	J. A. Durgin, No. 9.
Silas R. Wallace, No. 3.	W. B. Blake, No. 10.
Sidney J. Ela, No. 3.	John F. Bartlett, No. 12.
Frank H. Hickok, No. 4.	G. H. Larrabee, No. 12.
Charles W. Temple, No. 4.	D. S. Jones, No. 12.
L. C. B. Burke, No. 5.	Robert Crowther, No. 14.
E. J. Mathes, No. 7.	Charles A. Fitch, No. 14.
Charles E. Harriman, No. 7.	D. W. Fox, No. 14.
C. M. Lang, No. 8.	Elias Hurd, No. 15.

The Committee on Printing made the following report:

To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of New Hampshire:

The Committee on Printing would respectfully submit the following report:

Agreeably with a resolution passed at the last session, we have prepared and had printed the Proceedings of this Grand Body from its organization, copies of which have been sent to each of the Subordinate Lodges and to the Grand Officers.

We contracted with Messrs. Moore & Peasley for the printing of four hundred and fifty copies, at two dollars per page. There are seventy-two pages, which amount to $144.00. Cash paid on account, $100.00, leaving a balance of $44.00 due for the work. It was not deemed prudent to reprint the Constitutions for Grand and Subordinate Lodges at this time, as it would largely overdraw our funds on hand, and believing that a more careful review of them should be had before they are reprinted.

It is very important that they should be reprinted, and we trust that at this session there will be a thorough revision of them, and

such changes and additions made as will tend to make them harmonious with the Supreme Lodge, and meet the demands of this jurisdiction.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. S. DAVIS,
W. E. MOORE,
J. L. DOW,
Committee.

The above report was accepted.

Voted, That the report of the Grand Chancellor be read.

Grand Chancellor DANIEL E. HOWARD then read the following report:

GRAND CHANCELLOR'S REPORT:

To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of New Hampshire:

OFFICERS AND BROTHERS: With grateful hearts should we assemble, at this our annual convention, for the great blessings and manifold mercies we have received from our Heavenly Father.

We are permitted to meet in council to review the labors and results of the past, and to devise and legislate for the future. Let us all remember our obligations, and may all our actions be the offspring of hearts loyal and true to the great and noble principles of our Order.

I can but congratulate you that under so favorable circumstances you are convened, and I trust that the harmony and prosperity now so universal throughout this jurisdiction may never be less, but may it continue, binding together more closely the hearts of all who have received the lessons of our mystic rites.

During the past year circumstances have arisen very much retarding the increase of membership, and causing

great anxiety and sorrow to every true Knight. Further reference will be made to this hereafter. I am nevertheless fully convinced that never before have we stood stronger in this jurisdiction, or more respected by the world at large.

Within the past year one of our Brothers has been taken from our midst by death. I refer to Past Chancellor CHAS. H. TRICKEY, charter member of Pioneer Lodge No. 1, and the first Grand Guide of this Grand Lodge. He died March 27th, in the thirty-third year of his age. I regret very much that I did not receive notice of the same in season to attend his funeral, which would have been no more than a proper tribute of respect to his memory. I think this is the first death in the Grand Lodge, and I trust that suitable resolutions of respect and esteem will be adopted.

I will now report to you the condition and standing of the several Lodges in this State.

PIONEER LODGE.

I visited this Lodge January 29th, they having called a special meeting at my request. I found a good number present, and believe they are in a more prosperous condition than for some time past. Extracts from the report of District Deputy Grand Chancellor WILLIAM A. FRYE will be more to the point than any words of mine. Under the date of February 7, 1874, he writes as follows: "We have seen some dark days, and the clouds were heavy, but they begin to break and the light begins to shine through them once more. Members begin to be more punctual in attending our Lodge meetings, and have gone to work with renewed energy, to make Pioneer Lodge No. 1 a live and working Lodge. I installed our officers January 9th. They are good men, and each one of them is striving to do his duty as a good and true Knight."

I think they have passed through their darkest days, and I bespeak for this Lodge—the pioneer of knighthood in this State—your earnest coöperation and sympathy.

SWAMSCOTT LODGE.

In company with Supreme Vice Chancellor DAVIS I made this Lodge an official visit, December 3d, and we were most cordially received. It gave me extreme pleasure to have Brother DAVIS with me, as I doubt not the Brothers present who listened to his words of cheer. I cannot speak in too high terms of the manner in which they do their work. The officers had memorized their parts, thus enabling them to render it much more impressively than it otherwise can be done. In this respect I hope they may be imitated by every Lodge in the State, which has not already so done.

District Deputy Grand Chancellor HOYT writes me, under date of February 7th, as follows: "I installed the officers of this Lodge, January 12th. On Monday evening, February 2d, we conferred the first rank on two candidates, who are good men and who we hope will add strength to our Lodge. The past year, as a whole, has been one of success. We have endeavored to work correctly, and in harmony with the Ritual and 'Acroatic Agenda.' We have lost some by reason of non-payment of dues, but they were of that class that we can well afford to lose. We have added five members during the past year, and hope that we shall do still better during the year to come."

For their efficient and correct manner of doing the work, this Lodge is much indebted to the earnest efforts and example of Brother F. E. ROLLINS, our Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, who spared neither time nor labor in perfecting himself in the written and unwritten work of our Order.

GRANITE LODGE.

I need say but little concerning this Lodge, its location or its surroundings, as you are now enjoying the comforts, and without doubt admiring the beauty of their well furnished and capacious hall. I made this Lodge my official visit December 15th, and was permitted to witness the conferring of the second and third Ranks, and certainly they have reason to feel proud for the manner in which it was done. They had considerable sickness in their Lodge, but the sick have been well cared for and the distressed relieved.

MERRIMACK LODGE.

I visited this Lodge early in the season, although not officially. I then expected to be with them again, but circumstances making it very inconvenient I felt that I need have no anxiety in regard to its welfare or correct working, so long as our Grand Vice Chancellor was a member and nearly always present at its meetings. When I was with them I saw them confer the several Ranks, and I was extremely pleased; it was done as well as I ever saw it, and entitles them to great credit. All I have said of Granite Lodge is equally true of Merrimack Lodge. Meeting as they do in the same hall, enjoying unusual comforts and facilities, mingling and visiting with the greatest harmony and good feeling, what good may they not accomplish, and to what numbers and prosperity may they not reach. Extracts from the report of District Deputy PATTERSON read as follows: "Installed officers of Granite and Merrimak Lodges at the commencement of their semi-annual terms, and both Lodges are now in good running order. I have granted them three

dispensations during the year, and made the proper return to the Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe." "Both of these Lodges sustain their well earned reputation for harmony and good work. Our growth has not been rapid but healthy. We record among our members some of our best citizens, and those who stand high in other and similar institutions. We have a good number of uniforms. I was proud to say that the Knights of Manchester, when in Boston last summer, made a fine appearance. I felt that the Grand Chancellor of New Hampshire might well be proud of those in his jurisdiction who honored that occasion with their fine appearance."

NASHUA LODGE.

In compliance with a very kind invitation, I visited their Lodge January 14th, and installed their officers. I received the kindest attention and care while with them, and would here acknowledge my obligations to the Brothers of Nashua Lodge for the courtesies I have so many times received at their hands, and I can do no less than to wish them as a Lodge and individually the greatest prosperity. The officers were then well worthy of the position to which they were elected. The Lodge has not received many new members, but has in no degree lost its interest, and has upon its roll many of the first business men of the city. I trust that the spirit of harmony and unity of action may dwell with them and that all difference of opinion may be entertained with the spirit of concession.

OLIVE BRANCH LODGE.

This Lodge is composed of a membership second to none in the State, either of this or any other Order. The greatest care and caution has ever been taken in admitting members,

and the sun of prosperity has never ceased to shine upon them. I made this Lodge my official visit January 28th, when it was my privilege to see them confer the work of all the grades of rank upon several candidates. I can truly say that I have never been more impressed with the beauty and sublimity of our ceremonies, or more gratified by their rendering. The officers are live men, the membership large, and the spirit of peace is with them. Words of commendation are not needed. Their success speaks for them more forcibly than can any words of mine. No Knight belonging to this Lodge can feel otherwise than proud. Let their motto still be "Onward!" District Deputy J. C. PRAY is entitled to much credit for his faithful efforts in the interests of this Lodge and the Order at large.

RISING SUN LODGE.

This Lodge may justly be called the Phœnix of our Order, rising as it has from its ashes to a prosperity almost unsurpassed. I visited this Lodge November 30th. There was a very full attendance, giving evidence of commendable interest. I was much pleased to see them so well located, and that the members were evidently working in harmony. District Deputy Grand Chancellor FINEMAN writes me under date of February 3d as follows: "During the past year we have initiated twenty-eight, most of whom have taken the three ranks. I have granted six dispensations to confer the three ranks the same evening. We have $200.00 invested, and $115.00 in the hands of the Master of Exchequer.

Harmony and peace prevail, and we are getting along nicely."

CONCORD LODGE.

This Lodge is my home—and I am proud to be able to

claim it as such. I have been deeply interested in its welfare. It was my privilege to take the first obligation within its portals, and the lesson I received will ever remain fresh in my memory. The Lodge invited the Grand Officers to install their officers, and on January 7th Brothers DAVIS, STORY and MOULTON were present, and our officers were installed by Brother STORY and assistants. Harmony and an increasing interest in our regular meetings exists. The officers are men well worthy of the trust and confidence bestowed upon them, and are determined to so memorize their parts as to be able to render the work in a correct and impressive manner. We have in contemplation a complete remodeling and refitting of our hall. A subscription of nearly $200.00 is already procured, with more to hear from. Our meetings are now well attended; we are receiving frequent additions to our numbers, and of those who rank among the first business men of our city. We have initiated eleven during the past year, and our total membership is eighty-six. I have granted one dispensation for conferring rank upon a person over fifty years of age. Our doors will ever open at the signal of a visiting Brother, and I know you will receive a cordial welcome.

DAMON LODGE.

It was my privilege to meet with this Lodge, October 28, accompanied by Brother ROLLINS. I was extremely glad to see so many Brothers present, the hall being *filled*. They conferred the first and third ranks very creditably to themselves and, as I think, in a manner to make lasting impressions. District Deputy Grand Chancellor WILLIAM O. SIDES has been faithful and untiring in his efforts for the advancement and interest of the Lodge, and I doubt not that much of their present prosperity is the result of his

exertions. I shall always remember the courtesy and attention he bestowed upon me, and I hope I may at some future time be able to do for him and others as I have been done by. Under date of January 20th, he writes as follows:

"The whole number initiated during the past year is ten; suspended for non-payment of dues, five; total membership, one hundred and thirteen; amount paid for relief of Brothers, $201.00; cash on hand and invested, $500.00. The Lodge is in a very prosperous condition, and I have every reason to believe that we shall increase our numbers during the present year. We are rehearsing the 'Amplified Rank,' and shall be prepared in a short time to work it, which I think will get up an excitement that will make our meetings interesting and full."

PAWTUCKAWAY LODGE.

In making this Lodge my official visit I was again favored with the company of Supreme Vice-Chancellor DAVIS. The Lodge had called a special meeting, Thursday evening, December 4th, in order that we both might be with them. Although this is not as large a Lodge as many, having a small population from which to recruit, still it possesses very many of the requisites of a good and thriving Lodge. Its officers and members are determined to stand together, and they are feeling very hopeful. District Deputy Grand Chancellor NORRIS writes me as follows: "Although we have not as many members as last year, we are in a more prosperous condition financially, and a good feeling prevails among the members in regard to future progress. I think in working the grades of rank we are second to none. The Rituals are laid aside by every officer. Some of our best citizens are thinking of joining very soon. We are out of debt and have money to loan."

HARMONY LODGE.

January 27th I was permitted to visit this Lodge. From all appearances and all the information I could gather I judge they are prospering, and that the interests of our Order are in good hands in that place. There was a very good attendance and a lively interest was manifested. I witnessed work of the third rank, which was very well done, and I think quite forcibly. I received the kindest treatment at their hands.

ORIENTAL LODGE.

November 26th, in company with twenty members of Concord Lodge, I visited this Lodge, and we were the recipients of the most generous hospitality. It was a very cold evening yet there were a fair number present. The growth and prosperity of this Lodge has not been so great as desirable, circumstances wholly beyond their control having seemed to conspire against them. Notwithstanding this, no where can there be found more brave and undaunted Knights. They will yet be victors. I regret very much the loss by fire of the hotel in their village, making it impossible for them to entertain this Grand Lodge at its present session, for I well know they would have done all in their power to have made our stay with them pleasant. I am not anxious as to their future—for they have a good "Head" as well as good hearts—and they will yet win for themselves success, and honor to the Order.

PROSPECT LODGE.

It gave me unusual pleasure to meet with this Lodge, at their regular meeting, October 29th. There was a full atten-

dance, and a finer or more intelligent appearing company of men I have never met. The membership consists of the very best business men of the place. They occupy a very fine new hall, located in the centre of the village. Entire harmony and a good interest exists. District Deputy Grand Chancellor MOSES has taken much interest in the affairs of the Lodge, and is entitled to much credit for the efforts he has made. He writes me as follows: "I have used every effort to have the work given uniformly and impressively. I have granted one dispensation for conferring rank upon a person over fifty years of age. The amount received I forward to you."

MYRTLE LODGE.

I visited this Lodge December 24th, and met a good number of the Brothers, although many could not be present, it being Christmas Eve, being detained by business. They have not added to their number during the year, but they have lost none of their interest, neither do they feel at all disheartened. The officers seem to be well up in the work, and I see nothing to prevent their becoming a large and flourishing Lodge. Everything is in harmony, and they have no elements that need mar their usefulness. As elsewhere, so I also here received bounteous hospitality, which if not seasonably interrupted might have done great injury to systems.

SULLIVAN LODGE.

Early in the season I visited this Lodge, although not officially. Happening in their village, I went into their regular meeting. I then intended to visit them again, but business and other circumstances have rendered it impossible

for me to do so. I have not received any report from District Deputy Grand Chancellor BARKER, and am not therefore able to give a very definite statement in regard to their later prosperity. I very much regret that I am obliged to say that there were some circumstances connected with their organization and early life which have very much retarded their growth and usefulness, and I fear have been very prejudicial to the interests of our Order. This Lodge has many noble and true men, men in every way worthy, and they have done much and labored faithfully. Perhaps it is not expedient for me to enter into many particulars, but I will say that since I met with this Lodge and have been acquainted with their condition, I have been more than ever deeply impressed with the importance of extreme caution in securing "charter members." Let me say to those Brothers who have labored so nobly, and perhaps are feeling almost disheartened, be brave and valorous Knights, undaunted by obstacles and increasing in effort, and success and prosperity will ultimately crown your labors. Let us extend to them all the aid in our power, and I hope that ere another year shall pass we may learn that they are sharing in the prosperity now so general with the Order in the State.

PUBLIC DISPLAY.

Permission to make "public display" has been granted to several Lodges, viz: Swamscott No. 2, on "Decoration Day" and "Fourth of July;" Granite No. 3, Merrimack No. 4, Damon No. 9 and Oriental No. 12, to participate in the ceremonies and display at Boston, August 12th; also to Damon No. 9, to appear July 4th.

I have approved the action of Damon No. 9, in changing their "By-Laws," and increasing the salary of certain officers.

PERMISSION GRANTED.

I have granted permission for the Jurisdiction of Maine to initiate persons residing in New Hampshire, as follows: April 14th, granted permission for Lodge at Saco, Maine, to initiate JOSEPH T. MASON, residing in Conway, New Hampshire. February 2d, I granted permission to Bramhall Lodge No. 3, of Portland, to initiate and confer rank upon ALBERT S. TWITCHELL, of Gorham, New Hampshire. I have also given permission to Granite Lodge No. 3, of this jurisdiction, to initiate a resident of Plymouth, New Hampshire, believing the same to be for the interests of our Order.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have granted dispensations as follows: To Olive Branch Lodge No. 6, to confer the three ranks upon candidates at the same session; to Concord Lodge No. 8, to confer rank upon a person more than fifty years of age.

DECISIONS.

I have received numerous letters from Subordinate Lodges, asking my decision upon points upon which opinions differed, but nothing was presented that required any decision not authorized by existing law.

SUPREME LODGE.

Upon the return of our Supreme Representatives from the session of the Supreme Lodge, held the second Tuesday in

April, 1873, our hearts were deeply pained to learn that a Brother holding a position of honor and trust had betrayed that trust and proved himself unworthy. The Supreme Scribe was a defaulter to the extent of several thousand dollars. The Supreme Lodge was thereby made bankrupt, and wholly unable to pay its debts, not only to members but to persons outside of the Order. Comment is needless. We had to deal with facts, and such facts were well calculated to fill our minds with forebodings and anxiety for the future of our beloved Order. Throughout the entire jurisdiction the news caused the deepest sorrow, and seemed to paralyze the efforts of our Subordinate Lodges. Much correspondence and conference was had upon the matter, and it was very gratifying to see and learn of the spirit of loyalty which, kindling to a brighter flame, was gradually overcoming the depression and awakening a spirit of unselfish devotion to our cause, and a determination to meet unitedly every peril which menaced the Order of Knights of Pythias of the World.

SPECIAL SESSION.

Near the last of September I received a petition for a Special Session of this Grand Body, signed by Past Grand Chancellor S. S. DAVIS, of Nashua Lodge No. 5, Past Chancellor S. W. SHEPHARD, of Merrimack Lodge No. 4, Past Chancellor L. L. ALDRICH, of Granite Lodge No. 3, Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe FRANK E. ROLLINS, of Swamscott Lodge No, 2, and Past Grand Chancellor A. J. SIDES, of Damon Lodge No. 9.

In compliance with said petition, and in accordance with the Grand Lodge Constitution, Article V, Sections 1 and 3, I called a Special Session, to be held at Manchester, New Hampshire, October 17th, 1873, at eleven o'clock A. M.

You are already advised by the records of said meeting of the business which came before it, and what action was taken on the same. A copy of the resolutions adopted, whereby the Grand Lodge assumed one hundred and fifty dollars of the Supreme Lodge indebtedness, and soliciting contributions from Subordinate Lodges, was forwarded to each Lodge in the State. I am pleased with the generous response. I am convinced that the plan adopted was the one best calculated to meet the exigencies of the case, and if adopted by other jurisdictions would at once relieve the Supreme Lodge of all embarrassment. Several of the journals printed in the interest of our Order have published our proceedings, and spoken words of approval in commending the same to the consideration of other Grand Lodges. The feeling is rapidly becoming universal that in order to save our Supreme Lodge and ourselves from dishonor, each member should at once contribute his trifling proportion, and by so doing place the Supreme Lodge in an honorable and independent position.

CHANGE OF PLACE OF MEETING.

November 11th I received a communication from Oriental Lodge No. 12, asking me to change the place of meeting for holding the present session of this Grand Lodge. This request was not from any unwillingness on their part to receive us, but is made a necessity from unforeseen circumstances, whereby they were unable to furnish suitable accommodations for the Brothers. I at once instructed the Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe to notify each Lodge that the Grand Lodge would meet at Manchester.

PRINTED PROCEEDINGS.

The committee chosen at our last session, to compile and print the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, have attended

to the same, and furnished us with a very neat and well-printed volume, which will be of great value to all future officers and interesting and useful to all.

CONSTITUTION.

I wish to call the attention of this Grand Body to the matter of the Grand Lodge Constitution. The copy which we now have was printed in 1870. Since that time many and important changes have been made. A revised copy is much needed, and I commend the matter to your early attention.

NEW LODGES.

No Lodges have been instituted during my official year. I have received several letters from different parts of the State, making inquiry as to what steps were necessary to be taken for the formation of a Lodge. I have sent blank petitions to two places. I have no doubt that had it not been for the financial crisis which came upon us and so affected the interests of all, that we should have started one or two good Lodges. I do not consider it advisable to start new Lodges unless there are a sufficient number of good men, who are willing to become charter members, and by their contributions enable the Lodge to start nearly or quite free from debt.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

During the past year I have received nothing but the kindest treatment, and my intercourse with my associate Grand Officers has been uncommonly pleasant. I have

formed many strong personal attachments. I would gratefully acknowledge my indebtedness to all who have so kindly rendered me their aid and counsel, and especia ly to Brother ROLLINS, our Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe, for the prompt and efficient manner in which he has discharged the laborious duties devolving upon him, and for the assistance rendered me. In my visits to Subordinate Lodges I have received every kindness in their power to bestow. The District Deputy Grand Chancellors have been faithful in the discharge of their duties, and have done much towards the efficient rendering of the work. To one and all I will express my thanks, and I assure you that the events of the past year will be among the most pleasant memories of my life.

CONCLUSION.

Brothers, I have thus, as best I could, endeavored to report to you my official acts, and give to you the condition of the Order in this State. It was with much hesitation that I assumed the duties devolving upon me, as your executive officer. Should my course meet your approval, it will but add to the obligations under which I am already placed. May the coming year be a year of great prosperity to the Order and to you all. That my successor and his associate officers may be much more successful, and receive the same kind treatment, is my sincere wish.

Fraternally Submitted,

DANIEL E. HOWARD,

Grand Chancellor.

On motion of Past Chancellor W. E. MOORE:

Voted, That the report be referred to the Committee on Laws and Supervision.

On motion of Past Chancellor COLBY:

Voted, That when the Grand Lodge adjourns it shall be to meet again at two o'clock P. M.

Voted, That the Grand Lodge do now adjourn.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at two o'clock, P. M., Grand Chancellor HOWARD in the chair.

On motion:

Voted, That the Report of the Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe be now read.

The Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe then read the following report:

EXETER, N. H., FEBRUARY 10, 1874,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE ELEVENTH.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of New Hampshire:

BROTHERS: In transmitting to you my annual report, according to the requirements of the constitution, it affords me pleasure to say that the past official year has been upon the who'e a prosperous one in this Grand Jurisdiction, and although no new Lodges have been instituted, the growth of the Order though not forced has been natural and steady. Silently but powerfully the great principles which underlie our institution have been at work, and it has been demonstrated to the sceptic within and without our ranks that the Order of Knights of Pythias is not a thing of to-day, to die to-morrow, but an embodiment of Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence, to live forever. The losses are not to be deplored, for as a rule the retiring or rejected members are of a class which we can afford to be without. We have to-day a

membership more substantial and reliable than ever, and there is no danger that an ambition for large numbers will betray us into opening the doors to the unworthy.

Immediately after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge in February last, I proceeded to prepare the proceedings for publication, and on June 24th I delivered the manuscript into the hands of your Committee on Printing, who I suppose report to you at this session.

In May last I received a letter from a Brother in Northwood (who is a member of Everett Lodge of Lynn, Mass.) asking for information in regard to the establishing of a Lodge in that town. I responded promptly, giving all the information in my power, and enclosing the necessary blanks for an application, but since that time I have heard nothing.

In November I received from Brother Dow a letter which came from Brother Gibson, of Fremont, (who is a member of Pioneer Lodge No. 1, of Newmarket,) asking what steps should be taken to organize a Lodge in that town. I wrote to the Brother promptly and told him that while the Grand Officers were anxious to do all in their power to promote the welfare of the Order in this jurisdiction, they were alike anxious that nothing should be done that would reflect on them in the future, and with my knowledge of the town of Fremont it was too small to maintain a Lodge in good healthy condition, and advised him to take his friends and join the Lodge at Epping or Newmarket. I sent him the necessary papers, and told him if he thought the place could keep a Lodge in good condition and be a credit to us, to fill out the papers and forward them to me. To this I received no answer.

THE ACROATIC AGENDA.

In accordance with a resolution passed at the last session of this Grand Lodge, I have called in the Acroatic Agendas, and have them in my possession subject to your orders.

SPECIAL SESSION.

In response to a petition signed by five Past Chancellors, the Grand Chancellor called a Special Session of this Grand Lodge, at

Manchester, on October 17th, 1873. The object of this meeting was to take into consideration the financial embarrassment of the Supreme Lodge. The action of this Grand Lodge has been forwarded to each Lodge, and with which you are familiar. Immediately after the adjournment I forwarded to the Supreme Chancellor and to the Supreme Recording and Corresponding Scribe, also to the Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe in each Grand Jurisdiction, a copy of the resolutions passed at that time. I received no reply from the Supreme Chancellor, but the Supreme Recording and Corresponding Scribe wrote as follows:

Frank E. Rollins, Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your favor of October 31st received and contents noted.

I am pleased to see New Hampshire taking this action relative to the Supreme Lodge indebtedness, as it has been impossible for the Supreme Officers to float the loan ordered by the Supreme Lodge, as their hands have been virtually tied by the committee appointed at the last session to examine the books; no report has yet been made, and the matter hanging fire so long has given to the Order a feeling of mistrust in the officers of that Body, and when the time comes to float the loan, if it ever does come, it will be impossible to do so on account of the feeling now existing.

As to being satisfied that the money will go into the Supreme Lodge fund, I will say so far as I am concerned I will turn over all funds received by me to the Supreme Banker. Farther than this I cannot say, as I am only acquainted with our Banker, having met him at four sessions of our Supreme Lodge, and you will find from his reports probably a full and correct statement. One word I would say in his favor, and it is that I do not think that he at any time during BARTON'S term held funds to the full amount of his bond, ($1000) nearly all his receipts being paid vouchers.

I heartily approve your circular, and will do all I can for it in this jurisdiction. I may see BERRY this week at Chicago, and will try and get him to endorse it, if he has not done so.

Yours Fraternally, in F. C. and B.,

CHAS. P. CARTY,

S. R. and C. S.

The following week I received a circular from Supreme Chancellor H. C. BERRY, referring to the Supreme Lodge indebtedness and in relation to the loan, which was as follows:

OFFICE OF THE SUPREME CHANCELLOR OF THE WORLD, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS:

CHICAGO, ILL., JULY 20, A. D. 1873,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE TENTH.

To the Supreme Representatives, Past Grand and Grand Chancellors and Grand Officers of the Grand Jurisdictions constituting and composing, Deputy Grand Chancellors representing and under the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias of the World, Chancellor Commanders, Officers and Members of the Constituent Subordinate Lodges in different Grand Jurisdictions where situate, and Lodges, Officers and Members of the Order of the Knights of Pythias wherever existing or residing:

OFFICIAL AND FRATERNAL GREETING:

BRETHREN: The legislation of the Supreme Lodge, as herein embodied, will in part explain the cause of issuing this circular. The others will be simply, concisely, and as briefly as is possible, stated to you, as it is not only usual, but required, that a party or body seeking a loan, should make an exhibit of its affairs, giving causes, prospects, and other information requisite or desired by the party from whom a loan is asked, therefore the following, to wit:

The Supreme Lodge owes an indebtedness of $9,344.45. There is due the Supreme Lodge from all sources, exclusive of bad or doubtful assets, the sum of $1,337.88; leaving a palpable deficit of $8,006.57. The causes leading to this result may be summed up in the following:

1st. An unparalleled rapidity of growth, and the too speedy creation of Grand Lodges, thereby cutting off of revenue to the Supreme Body, and a larger increase of expenditure in mileage and per diem created in so doing than was anticipated.

2d. An increased yearly expenditure, without a relative income of revenue, or the reduction of causes of expenditure by proper and timely legislation in making the sessions of that body biannual instead of annual, and a still further limitation of number of Representatives and consequent reduction of expenses.

3d. Expenses arising from unexpected causes, as also a deficiency utterly unlooked for and of a nature that could not be foreseen or prevented at the time, but the recurrence of which has been utterly precluded by later legislation, and a more thorough knowledge, derived from experience, of the wants and necessities of the Order at large.

All of these primary causes can be traced to positive results by simple examination, and again present the usual phase of matters that have occurred in almost every organization, of like character, and who have only attained solidity in a financial sense, by expeperiencing like errors in their experimental beginnings and legislations, where, while in the wave and high road of success, they adopted a too liberal policy and made expenditures, so that time alone had only to elapse and a similar state of affairs presented the adverse features that we now have to contend with. It is highly probable that the error or fallacy of the financial policy of the Supreme Lodge would not have been so positively brought before that body but for the declension of one of its officers who, proving recreant to his trust in defaulting for a large sum of money, whereby temporary disabilities were brought upon that body, even while in session, thereby crippling its efficiency and rendering its workings for the time being very difficult to perform, but which nevertheless has by its exposure of the financial policy and errors of the past brought about and stirred into life elements that will thoroughly eradicate all like causes or actions in the future.

For the credit side of this prospectus I can officially state that the "first" of the hereinbefore stated causes in its *first* half has been positively stopped, and the *second* half partially remedied, and doubtless will be further cut down coincident with the remedying of the "second" cause at the next session of the Supreme Lodge; while th "third," I am satisfied, will never recur again.

I am further satisfied that the loss, in a pecuniary sense, by the officer heretofore mentioned, will be if possible recovered. Therefore I can state that 1st, 2d and 3d causes being fully remedied, the loan now asked for is a safe and good investment for any or all Lodges or Brethren who may desire to invest for a short or greater length of time as they may desire, and with a sure guaranty of its future payment I will further state that the Supreme Lodge is badly crippled and driven to many expedients to get money whereby to meet its immediate wants, in course of performing its duties, and at the present time is actually being carried by means furnished by a few individual members. But were the debts due it, as evidenced by the records and known to exist, paid or collectable, my information is, and I firmly believe it could pay its debts dollar for dollar. These are the facts. Nevertheless they do not change the necessities of the case in the least, for to make that body efficient and of use, as intended when created, it requires and must have means to operate with; for no machinery is available unless having a life-giving motor, which in this instance is available money. And it was with this view that the following legislation was had at the last session of that Supreme Body, held in the city of Richmond, Grand Jurisdiction of Virginia, and which is as follows, to wit:

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY SUPREME LODGE RELATIVE TO FINANCES OF THE SUPREME LODGE.

Resolved, That in view of the present financial embarrassment of the Supreme Lodge, some definite and decisive action must be had, in order that sufficient funds may be provided to meet the wants of this Supreme Body for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That the Supreme Recording and Corresponding Scribe, under the direction of the Supreme Chancellor, shall prepare and issue scrip in blank amount or with fixed sums, as may be deemed advisable by them, to bear interest from date at such per cent as they may be able to obtain it upon, not exceeding ten per cent, and that they shall have the signature of the Supreme Chancellor and Supreme Banker affixed, certified by the Supreme

Recording and Corresponding Scribe, and the imprint seal of the Supreme Lodge, and that each shall keep a record, by coupon and otherwise, of each certificate issued, the number, date, amount, and to whom issued.

Resolved, That each Grand Lodge, or the Grand Officers thereof, be requested to urge upon their Grand Bodies, also the Subordinate Lodges under their control, to take such amounts of said scrip of the Supreme Lodge as they can without embarrassment to themselves.

Resolved, That said scrip shall be received by this Supreme Lodge in payment of supplies, also the Representative tax, and when not redeemed in this manner shall be redeemed by this Supreme Lodge in five years from date of issue, or before, provided the finances of the Supreme Lodge will admit, and that these conditions shall appear upon the face of said scrip.

Resolved, That scrip to the amount of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000) may be prepared and issued in amounts to meet all the financial requirements of the Supreme Lodge.

Resolved, That the Supreme Recording and Corresponding Scribe, also the Supreme Banker, shall each give bonds to the Supreme Chancellor and his successors, with three responsible sureties, in the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000) before entering upon their duties.

With these facts and statements before you, Brethren, it becomes my duty to solicit at your hands the favor of your investing such sum or sums as you can reasonably do without detriment either to yourselves, families or Lodge interests, and by it assist the Supreme Lodge in its efforts to still further spread the benign influence of the tenets of our Order to the uttermost ends of civilization, as also to render its efforts for the good of our whole Order, wherever existing, of positive effect in carrying out its mission. Other orders and governments have appealed, when their necessities required, to the patriotism and deep-seated regard for their order or country, to their members or citizens for assistance and sympathy, which appeals have never yet been found deficient of

or wanting in solid response. In like manner the Supreme Lodge now comes before its constituent Grand Lodges, and through them to the Subordinate Lodges and their membership, with a feeling of deep reliance in their sympathetic, prompt and ready response, with which and whereby to quicken the efforts of the officers of that body, to save odium falling on our whole Order, and prove to each other and the world at large that we have stability as an organization, as also in earnest in what we purport to do. Shall that feeling be disappointed? It remains, Brethren, for you to say.

Attached hereto find copies of the "bond" and "coupons" proposed to be issued, as also form of application, to be made direct to the Supreme Scribe, wherein all particulars are given, and which if adhered to and strictly followed out by Lodges or Brethren who may desire to subscribe, will prevent any possibility of error occurring, lessen the laborious duties already devolving on that officer, and give speedier returns of the "bonds" to each subscriber. Their available uses can be classed as many, both in "bonds" and "coupons," and which I doubt not, by legislation on the part of Subordinate and Grand Lodges, can readily be made a "legal tender;" in one for "dues," etc., and in the other for "per capita" tax, while to the latter they are always available as their needs require.

Brethren, the case is before you, and our financial craft has been launched on the Pythian sea. Its return voyage will be looked for with anxious eyes and hopes for the result of the venture, both to ourselves and the posterity of our chivalric Order; and trusting, hoping, yea believing in the successful termination of so necessary yet critical an adventure as we go upon, and reiterating our firm belief in the patriotism, pride and love for our Order by the Lodges and members, in returning us to a fair and save haven of success, I am, in the name of the Supreme Body, its Representatives and my official colleagues, fraternally, in the mystic trio of F. C. B.,

Truly Yours,

H. C. BERRY,

Supreme Chancellor.

A short time after the receipt of this circular, I received from the same source the report of the special committee appointed at the last session of the Supreme Lodge, to examine the books of the late Supreme Recording and Corresponding Scribe, which is as follows:

OFFICE OF THE SUPREME CHANCELLOR OF THE WORLD, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS:

CHICAGO, ILL., NOVEMBER 1, A. D. 1873.
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE TENTH.

To the Supreme Representatives, Past Grand and Grand Chancellors and Grand Officers of the Grand Jurisdictions constituting and composing, Deputy Grand Chancellors representing and under the Jurisdiction of the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias of the World, of the Order of Knights of Pythias, wherever existing or residing:

OFFICIAL AND FRATERNAL GREETING:

BRETHREN: The report of the special committee as appointed at the last session of the Supreme Lodge to investigate the affairs of the Supreme Recording and Corresponding Scribe, C. M. BARTON, has this date been received at this office from the chairman of said committee, Past Grand Chancellor and Supreme Representative J. FRANK LEWIS. It is very complete and I doubt not searching and exhaustive in its character, evidencing great labor and a special feature of clearness in all its detals.

From its voluminous character, being too long to embody in a suitable manner in any circular letter, it has been reduced to a synoptical form as follows, to wit:

Total amount received from all sources by the Supreme Recording and Corresponding Scribe, C. M. BARTON, from December 10, 1868, to January 1, 1873, as per report, $48,222.82; total amounts, as per credits, of all characters and kinds, as per report, $40,296.51; leaving the amount due the Supreme Lodge from him, $7,926.31.

Besides this terrible deficit, the committee enumerate and set forth an indebtedness as existing against the Supreme Lodge anterior to the last session, as itemized in abstract accompanying

their report, of $4,483.50, and an itemized abstract of amounts due the Supreme Lodge, and which can be classified, if existing as good, $1,337.88; or a balance (after deducting the foregoing credits) of old debts amounting to $3,145.62. They also show that they have made credits for, and as appearing on the books, of remissions and questionable debts, etc., etc., as follows:

Voucher No. 5—Questionable accounts of Subordinate Lodges, $418.10; Voucher No. 6—Remissions, etc., of accounts of Subordinate and Grand Lodges, $1,081.12; Voucher No. 7—Remissions, etc., of accounts of Subordinate and Grand Lodges, $294.70; making a total of $1,793.92.

These facts are as they appear from the report, and doubtless even they are questionable, notwithstanding they do so stand in the books, as it may yet appear that even they may have been settled in part or in whole.

Therefore, it being *either* way does not affect the *present* situation of the Supreme Lodge, and which is about as follows:

Old debts prior to session of 1873, say balance of, as above, $3,145.62; appropriations as made at session of 1873, mileage, etc., $4,860.95; making the sum total we now owe of $8,006.57.

You can as readily comprehend the situation as myself, and realize the effort that will have to be made to extricate the Supreme Body from its present dilemma, and beyond suggesting the assisting to place the loan legislated for, in sufficient quantity or amount to at least pay the foregoing, can devise no other mode for so doing; and trusting for, as also asking, your personal attention and influence to this end,

I am respectfully and fraternally,

In F. C. and B.,

H. C. BERRY,

Supreme Chancellor.

I have since received nothing from the Supreme Lodge officers in relation to this matter. I wrote to Supreme Scribe CARTY about February 1st, asking him if we should forward the $150 voted by this Grand Lodge, subject to the conditions named in the resolutions, but have not heard a word from him in response.

The Lodges that have sent in their proportion of the indebted-

ness of the Grand Lodge are as follows: Pioneer No. 1, Granite No. 3, Merrimack No. 4, Nashua No. 5, Olive Branch No. 6, Rising Sun No. 7, Concord No. 8, Prospect No. 13, Myrtle No. 14.

The matter has caused a great amount of discussion in the various Lodges, but it has finally settled down to this: we will put our shoulders to the wheel, and raise the Supreme Lodge out of this difficulty and save the Order from disgrace.

OUR TENNESSEE BRETHREN.

During the past year the Grand Jurisdiction of Tennessee has been grievously afflicted, and has lost from her ranks some of the noblest and bravest of her Knights, and in her hour of distress the various Grand Jurisdictions sent to her aid and sympathy, and soon prosperity returned to her.

The following circular I received from Grand Chancellor T. S. JUKES, which will explain the feeling there towards the Order at large:

OFFICE OF GRAND CHANCELLOR, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, STATE OF TENNESSEE:

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, OCTOBER 27, A. D. 1873.
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE TENTH.

To the Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe, Knights of Pythias, State of New Hampshire:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: To the Order at large we return our most profound thanks for their prompt and liberal response to our call for aid. The noble and generous sentiments expressed in the multitude of communications received at this office and by our members generally, has proved a great source of consolation to us in the dark and gloomy hours through which we have been and still are passing. The bonds of friendship that unite us have been fully tested, and we of this plague stricken city can of a truth assert that our beloved Order has evinced by its action that their obligations are still green in their memory. God grant that they

may ever remain so. Owing to the exceedingly generous spirit that has actuated our warm hearted brethren, we have now a sufficiency of means to relieve all of our fraternity who may need assistance, and would suggest that no more be sent. As soon as possible an account of all receipts and disbursements will be sent to the Grand Chancellor of each jurisdiction.

I am, Sir, yours,

T. S. JUKES,

Grand Chancellor,

Secretary and Treasurer of K. of P. Relief Association.

The condition of the Order in this jurisdiction is as follows:

Number on the roll at last report, ...	960
Number on the roll at the present time, ...	1,016
Number rejected during the year, ...	27
Number suspended during the year, ...	57

Amount of money received as follows:

Per capita tax, ...	$457.20
Supreme Lodge indebtedness, ...	107.80

Of which I hold the vouchers of the Grand Banker. I would here suggest that the District Deputy Grand Chancellors would, in forwarding the per capita tax or any other money to the Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe, use the post office orders as far as possible, as it is much cheaper and safer than any other way; but never under any circumstances send bank bills loose in a letter, as has been done this year, for it is a rare chance for it to reach its destination, as has been proved in this term, one letter being lost.

During the past year we have lost from this Grand Body one who has always been at his post, ready for whatever work he might be called upon to perform, and who was one of the first to introduce the Order into the State, and was present at the formation of this Grand Lodge, and held the office of Grand Guide for two terms. I refer to Brother C. H. Trickey, of Pioneer Lodge

No. 1, of Newmarket. He was a kind friend, a loving Brother, and a brave Knight, and we deeply regret his departure from us. I would here suggest that a committee be appointed at this session to prepare a series of resolutions, expressive of our feelings, and forward them to the family of our departed Brother.

During my official term I have written about four hundred letters, on business connected with the Order, and have received about two hundred.

Though the labor of this duty is arduous, it has in this instance been greatly lightened by the pleasant nature of the correspondence. So far as regards having any complaint to make, it affords me gratification to have an opportunity of returning my sincere thanks to all with whom I have had correspondence, and especially to the Keepers of Record and Seal, for their uniform courtesy and kindness.

Hoping that success will attend our Order during the coming year, I remain,

Fraternally Yours,
FRANK E. ROLLINS,
G. R. and C. S.

On motion:

Voted, That the report be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Grand Banker then presented and read the following report:

MANCHESTER, FEBRUARY 12, 1874.

Cash on hand, February 13, 1873,	118 13	
Received of FRANK E. ROLLINS, G. R. and C. S.,	546 29	
		$664 42
Paid out for various bills,	289 93	
Balance in hands of Grand Banker,	374 49	
		$664 42

L. B. MOULTON,
Grand Banker.

The above report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance made the following report:

MANCHESTER, FEBRUARY 12, 1874.

Grand Chancellor and Brothers:

Your Committee on Finance respectfully present the following report:

We have examined the books of the Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe and of the Grand Banker, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

Respectfully Submitted,

N. T. CORSER,
L. L. ALDRICH,
A. T. PINKHAM.

Voted, That the report be accepted.

Voted, That the Grand Lodge proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The Grand Chancellor appointed Brothers CURTIS, LORD and MCKINLEY as tellers.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to ballot, and the following were declared elected:

ALBERT STORY, of Manchester, *Grand Chancellor.*

JAMES F. SEAVEY, of Dover, *Grand Vice Chancellor.*

FRANK E. ROLLINS, of Exeter, *Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe.*

LARKIN B. MOULTON, of Rochester, *Grand Banker.*

DANIEL E. HOWARD, of Concord, *Supreme Representative.*

The special committee, to whom was referred the communications from Nashua Lodge No. 5 and Swamscott Lodge

No. 2, relating to Past Chancellors, presented the following report:

To the Grand Chancellor:

The Committee to whom was referred the communications from Nashua Lodge No. 5 and Swamscott Lodge No. 2, have attended to their duty, and would recommend in the case of Brother J. L. THOMPSON of No. 5, that he be confirmed by this Grand Lodge as a Past Chancellor, and that he be constituted a member of this Grand Body. That in the case of Swamscott Lodge No. 2 the communication be referred back to said Lodge for its choice of a Past Chancellor.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. E. MOORE,
J. F. SEAVEY,
S. W. SHEPHARD,
Committee.

On motion:

Voted, That the report be laid on the table.

Voted, That Brother SEAVEY be now installed as Vice Grand Chancellor.

The Installation Service was then pronounced by Venerable Grand Patriarch S. S. DAVIS.

District Deputy Grand Chancellor FRYE, of Newmarket, arose and addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

GRAND CHANCELLOR: I feel it a duty incumbent on me to announce to you and to this Grand Lodge, that since our last regular meeting the mysterious hand of Death has invaded our Lodge and removed from our midst Brother CHARLES H. TRICKEY, who departed this life March 27, 1873. For some time previous to his death he was greatly afflicted with paralysis. Brother TRICKEY was one of the pioneers of the Order in this State, being one of the charter members of Pioneer Lodge No. 1, and at the formation of this Grand Lodge was elected Grand Guide, and at the

first annual session held at Exeter he was re-elected. In his death the Order mourns its loss. He was a tender husband, a kind father and an affectionate friend. He had his failings, as we all have, but his good deeds will live after him and form a lasting monument to his memory.

The Committee on Finance recommended that so much of the Report of the Grand Recording and Corresponding Seribe as refers to the Supreme Lodge be referred to a committee of three, to be appointed by the chair.

The Grand Chancellor appointed as that committee Brothers J. T. S. LIBBEY, J. L. DOW and W. O. SIDES.

The report of the special committee on the subject of communications referred to them was then taken from the table, and on motion it was

Voted, That so much of the report as relates to Brother J. L. THOMPSON, of Nashua Lodge No. 5, be accepted.

On motion:

Voted, That so much of the report as relates to Swamscott Lodge No. 2 be indefinitely postponed.

Past Chancellor PATTEN then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That each Subordinate Lodge, at its organization, is entitled to elect three Past Chancellors, and is entitled to two Past Chancellors for each Pythian year thereafter, and each Lodge not having the number of Past Chancellors it is thus entitled to, at the present time or hereafter, may elect the same.

On motion:

Voted, That this resolution be indefinitely postponed.

Past Chancellor CORSON offered the following:

Resolved, That no person hereafter receive the Grand Lodge Degree except in the legitimate manner, having served to the close of a term as Worthy Chancellor.

Voted, That this resolution be indefinitely postponed.

Past Grand Chancellor CLATUR offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That hereafter the representation to this Grand Lodge be composed of Representatives, after the following manner: One at large, and one for every fifty members or fractional part.

Voted, That the resolution be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Past Chancellor W. E. MOORE:

Voted, That the matter of representation be indefinitely postponed.

The following bills were presented and referred to the Committee on Finance:

DANIEL E. HOWARD, $43.25; FRANK E. ROLLINS, $42.54; Moore & Peasley, $44.00.

Several resolutions having been offered, on motion:

Voted, That all resolutions in regard to the next session of the Grand Lodge be laid on the table until after the installation of officers.

Voted, That the Grand Lodge now adjourn, to meet at 7.30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 7.40 P. M., Grand Chancellor HOWARD in the chair.

Past Chancellor F. E. ROLLINS offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That all the Cipher Keys in this jurisdiction be immediately called in, and that in the future they be only in the hands of the Grand Chancellor and the District Deputy Grand Chancellors.

The resolution was adopted.

Past Chancellor T. W. CHALLIS offered the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, The Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, is at the present time in a state of financial embarassment, owing to the mismanagement of some of its officers, and by entrusting large sums of money to the care of those who have not given the required bonds, and lavish expenditures of money in other directions, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Lodge be, and they are hereby instructed, to oppose in any form any action having a tendency to increase the expenditures, and to urge the repeal of the law or custom of paying Representatives per diem or otherwise, anything further than their actual mileage, and they are hereby instructed to protest against the installation of any officer elect who has not furnished the required bonds with good sureties.

Voted, That the resolution be referred to a committee of three, to be appointed by the chair:

The Grand Chancellor appointed the following Past Chan-

cellors as that committee: T. W. CHALLIS, A. W. COTTON and S. W. SHEPHARD.

Voted, That the newly elected Grand Officers be now installed.

The following officers were then duly installed by the Venerable Grand Patriarch, S. S. DAVIS:

ALBERT STORY, *Grand Chancellor.*

FRANK E. ROLLINS, *Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe.*

LARKIN B. MOULTON, *Grand Banker.*

The Grand Chancellor announced the following appointed officers, who were also duly installed:

WILLIAM KENNEDY, *Grand Guide.*

GEORGE P. APPLETON, *Grand Inner Steward.*

JOHN W. SAUL, *Grand Outer Steward.*

Past Chancellor CURTIS offered the following:

Resolved, That the jurisdiction of the District Deputy Grand Chancellors shall not be confined to one Lodge, but may be extended at the will of the Grand Chancellor.

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Laws and Supervision presented the following reports:

To the Officers and Past Chancellors of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire:

The Committee on Laws and Supervision would submit the following report:

During the past year amendments of the By-Laws of several

Subordinate Lodges have been submitted to us, which we have approved, as they were in harmony with the general laws, and involved no question of law. We have had under consideration the Constitutions of Grand and Subordinate Lodges, and have prepared a revised copy of each for your consideration. We deem it very important that some action be had at this session, and that they be printed as soon as may be and given to the Subordinate Lodges. We would recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, to have the Constitutions for Grand and Subordinate Lodges printed, as revised at this session, and that such number of copies be printed as said committee may think necessary, and that the bills be paid by the Grand Banker on the order of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. DAVIS,
J. L. DOW,
J. T. S. LIBBEY,
Committee on Laws and Supervision.

The above report was accepted and the resolution adopted.

The Committee on Laws and Supervision would also submit the following report on the address of the Grand Chancellor, which has been referred to us:

We recommend the adoption of the resolutions on the death of Past Chancellor CHARLES H. TRICKEY, agreeably with the request of the Grand Chancellor, as offered by Past Chancellor FRYE. That so much as refers to granting dispensations and permissions for various purposes be confirmed. That so much as refers to change of place of meeting of this Grand Lodge be approved. That we would recommend that we, in Annual Session, re-affirm the action of the Special Session relating to the financial relief proposed to the Supreme Lodge in its embarrassment, and would again call upon all Grand Lodges to second our efforts, and the burden now weighing so heavily upon the Order will be speedily removed.

We feel the great importance of the action of the Supreme Lodge at its coming session, and cannot do less than call upon all who shall compose that body to act promptly, wisely, and with every selfish motive covered up with the welfare of our entire Order. We believe it our duty, as well as the duty of every member of the Order throughout the world, to stand firm by the principles we affirm, and to the payment of every honest debt contracted by the Supreme Lodge, however those who have been entrusted with the conduct of our financial affairs may have betrayed that trust.

We congratulate this Grand Body on the favorable exhibit made to-day of the standing of the Order in this jurisdiction, notwithstanding the great financial panic which has prevailed during the last six months.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. DAVIS,
J. L. DOW,
J. T. S. LIBBEY,
Committee on Laws and Supervision.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Laws and Supervision laid before the Grand Lodge the amended Constitutions for Grand and Subordinate Lodges, embracing such changes as were made necessary by the recent legislation of the Supreme Lodge.

On motion:

Voted, That they be accepted as amended.

The revision of these Constitutions was made by Supreme Vice Chancellor DAVIS. The body of this report does not appear upon the minutes, but may be found in the printed copies distributed throughout the jurisdiction.

On motion:

Voted, That the Committee on Laws and Supervision be a committee on printing the Constitutions for the Grand and Subordinate Lodges.

The committee to whom was referred the preamble and

resolution introduced by Past Chancellor CHALLIS made a favorable report, which is, however, missing.

On motion, the resolution was accepted.

The Grand Inner Steward reported Past Chancellor FRANK D. WOODBURY, of Concord Lodge, No. 8, in the ante-room, waiting to receive the Grand Lodge Degree.

The Grand Chancellor appointed Venerable Grand Patriarch HOWARD to repair to the ante-room and confer the Degree upon the Brother, after which he was admitted to the Lodge-room.

On motion of Past Chancellor CORSER:

Voted, That this Grand Lodge give permission to Myrtle Lodge No. 14, of Fisherville, to receive Mr. W. B. STERNES into their Lodge, he being a maimed person.

Past Chancellor MOORE called up the following resolution, introduced at the last session by Past Chancellor STEPHEN C. AMSDEN:

Resolved, That Article V, Section 1, of the Grand Lodge Constitution, be so amended as to read in the second line, "second Thursday in May."

On motion of Past Chancellor KENNEDY, the resolution was laid on the table.

The following report was then made:

The special committee, to whom was referred that part of the report of the Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe referring to the Supreme Lodge, have attended to their duty and find that the action of the Grand Lodge at its Special Session embraced all legislation necessary upon that subject.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. S. LIBBEY,
W. O. SIDES,
J. L. DOW,
Committee.

The report was accepted.

Voted, That the resolutions relating to the place of meeting be now acted upon.

Past Chancellor BLANCHARD introduced the following:

At a regular meeting of Nashua Lodge No. 5, held February 11, it was voted unanimously to invite the Grand Lodge to hold its next Annual Session at Nashua, therefore,

Resolved, That the next Annual Session of this Grand Lodge be held with Nashua Lodge No. 5, at Nashua.

This proposition failed of acceptance.

The following resolution was presented from Olive Branch Lodge No. 6, of Dover:

Resolved, That the next session of the Grand Lodge be holden with Olive Branch Lodge, of Dover.

Accepted.

Past Grand Chancellor DOW presented the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due the retiring Grand Officers for the faithful manner in which they have performed their respective duties.

Past Chancellor CURTIS offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to Granite Lodge No. 3 and Merrimack Lodge No. 4, for the use of their hall and for courtesies extended during its present session.

Accepted.

Past Chancellor AMSDEN called for the reading of the bond of the Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe.

On motion of Past Chancellor ALDRICH:

Voted, That the bonds of the Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe and the Grand Banker be given to Past Grand Chancellor PATTEN to correct.

On motion:

Voted, That the Supreme Representatives exemplify the secret work.

An exemplification of the work was then given by Supreme Vice Chancellor S. S. DAVIS.

Grand Chancellor STORY then made the following appointments of standing committees:

On Laws and Supervision.—S. S. DAVIS, of No. 5; J. L. DOW and W. E. MOORE, of No. 3.

On Finance.—W. O. SIDES, of No. 9; J. H. LORD, of No. 13; R. M. BLANCHARD, of No. 5.

On Appeals and Grievances.—W. R. PATTEN, of No. 4; J. A. DURGIN, of No. 9; J. C. PRAY, of No. 6.

On Credentials and Returns.—C. H. CURTIS, of No. 11; K. W. MOSES, of No. 13; N. D. CORSER, of No. 14.

On motion of Past Chancellor ALDRICH:

Voted, That the Supreme Representatives, on their return from the sessions of the Supreme Lodge, make up their report and transmit the same to the Grand Chancellor of this Lodge.

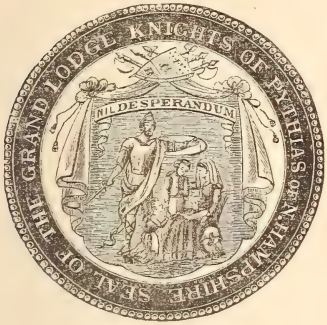
On motion:

Voted, That all previous legislation in relation to Supreme Representatives be repealed.

On motion:

Voted, That the Grand Lodge listen to the reading of the bonds of the Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe and the Grand Banker.

There being no more business to come before the Grand Lodge, it was closed in form at 2 o'clock A. M., to meet again at Dover, on the second Thursday in February, 1875, unless sooner called together in Special Session, by the Grand Chancellor.



FRANK E. ROLLINS,
G. R. and C. S.

OFFICERS FOR 1874.

DANIEL E. HOWARD, *Venerable Grand Patriarch.*
ALBERT STORY, *Grand Chancellor.*
JAMES F. SEAVEY, *Grand Vice Chancellor.*
FRANK E. ROLLINS, *Grand Recording and Corresponding Scribe.*
LARKIN B. MOULTON, *Grand Banker.*
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JOHN W. SAUL, *Grand Outer Steward.*
DANIEL E. HOWARD, SILAS C. CLATUR, *Supreme Representatives.*

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Laws and Supervision of Laws.

S. S. DAVIS, J. L. DOW, W. E. MOORE.

On Finance.

W. O. SIDES, J. H. LORD, R. M. BLANCHARD.

On Appeals and Grievances.

W. R. PATTEN, J. A. DURGIN, J. C. PRAY.

On Credentials and Returns.

C. H. CURTIS, K. W. MOSES, N. D. CORSER.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT,

SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE ORDER IN NEW HAMPSHIRE,

JANUARY 1, 1874.

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	No. of Members July Report.	Initiated during the term.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn	Suspended.	Died.	Total Membership.	Rejected.	Past Grand Chancellors.	Past Chancellors.	Knights.	Esquires.	Pages.	Receipts.	Amount paid for Relief.	Total Expenses.	Amount on hand or Invested.
1	Pioneer.	Newmarket.	Wednesday.	39	3						42			9	33			$123.65	$3.00	$63.64	$78.81
2	Swamscott,	Exeter.	Wednesday.	46	7		1	3	2		49		1	10	38			258 25		112.90	205.50
3	Granite.	Manchester.	Monday.	129	8		1	1	7		130		2	11	113	1	3	426.50	100.00	386.16	507.50
4	Merrimack.	Manchester.	Friday.	111	6	1	1		3		116		1	7	107		1	268.00	25.00	82 58	493.80
5	Nashua.	Nashua.	Tuesday.	75				1	11		62		2	12	48			128 46	18.00	18 00	
6	Olive Branch.	Dover.	Wednesday.	91	12				5	1	103		1	9	87	2	4	515.42	78.00	339 37	597.75
7	Rising Sun.	Rochester.	Thursday.	81	3				13		73			9	62	1	1	162 00	42.00	94.14	255.60
8	Concord.	Concord.	Wednesday.	86	4						90		2	10	78	6	6	2 9.00	20.00	146.38	
9	Damon.	Portsmouth.	Tuesday.	119	2		1		3	1	118		2	10	105		1	336.50	260.00	393 93	600.00
10	Pawtuckaway	Epping.	Tuesday.	33			2			1	34		1	9	24			57 00	20.00	35.00	
11	Harmony.	Farmington.	Wednesday.	60	7		6		2		80			6	62	3	9	172 00	30.00	80 00	700 00
12	Oriental.	Suncook.	Wednesday.	35	2				4		33			8	24	1		46 00		29.75	266.00
13	Prospect.	Great Falls.	Wednesday.	63							63		1	5	53	3	1	163.75	64.00	204 55	22.75
14	Myrtle.	Fisherville.	Monday.	23	3				1		25			6	19			83 33	5.00	81.79	
15	Sullivan.	Claremont.	Tuesday.	25	1			1	3		22			2	20			40.16		49.22	4.16
16	Norris.	Pittsfield.	Thursday.		12						12			2	9		1	40.00			
17	Hillsborough.	Hillsboro' Bridge.	Monday.		14						14			2	12			367.32		328.68	39 64
				1016	84	1	12	6	54	3	1065		13	127	894	17	27	$3,457.34	$665.00	$2,446.09	$3,771.51

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS,

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION.

DOVER, FEBRUARY 11, 1875.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 11½ o'clock A. M., Grand Chancellor ALBERT STORY in the chair, and was opened in regular form.

Past Chancellor WILLIAM E. MOORE was appointed as Grand Prelate *pro tempore.*

The Grand Chancellor appointed the following Brothers to fill vacancies on the standing committees:

On Finance—F. W. MCKINLEY, R. P. FELTON.

On Appeals and Grievances—T. B. HOYT.

On Credentials and Returns—J. T. S. LIBBEY, S. W. SHEPHARD.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns made the following report:

DOVER, FEBRUARY 11, A. D. 1875,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE ELEVENTH.

To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of New Hampshire:

BROTHERS: Your Committee on Credentials, to whom were referred the credentials of Past Chancellors from Subordinate Lodges, submit the following as their report:

We find the credentials of the following named Past Chancellors correct and recommend their acceptance by this Grand Lodge:

JOHN M. MALLON, No. 2.
J. W. TILTON, No. 2.
HIRAM H. GOVE, No. 4.
K. J. COLLINS, No. 5.
GEORGE W. PARKER, No. 6.
CHARLES M. JONES, No. 6.
GEORGE W. VARNEY, No. 6.
CHARLES W. BICKFORD, No. 7.
LUTHER W. NICHOLS, No. 8.
JOHN MCCAULEY, No. 8.
MOSES F. COLBY, No. 10.
LEVI W. CURTIS, No. 11.
GEORGE W. PINKHAM, No. 11.
CLIFTON R. APPLETON, No. 12.
THOMAS RICHIE, No. 13.
ANDREW G. BRACEY, No. 13.
HENRY W. LAWRENCE, No. 16.
CYRUS W. PERRY, No. 17.
HENRY S. KIMBALL, No. 17.

No credentials were received from Nos. 1, 3, 14 and 15.

Fraternally submitted, in F. C. B.,
CHARLES H. CURTIS,
J. T. S. LIBBEY,
SAMUEL W. SHEPHARD,
Committee on Credentials and Returns.

Credentials were subsequently presented by Past Chancellor SAMUEL AMSDEN, of No. 3, and accepted.

Several Past Chancellors were also reported as having been elected to fill vacancies, in cases where Chancellor Commanders were reëlected, and for other reasons.

Voted, That so much of the report as refers to the elected Past Chancellors be postponed until the evening session.

Voted, That the report be accepted.

By order of the Grand Chancellor the Past Chancellors entitled to seats in the Grand Body were then introduced by the Grand Master-at-Arms, and were invested with the Grand Lodge Rank, in ample form.

The minutes of the last Annual Session were read and approved.

On motion of Past Chancellor W. E. MOORE:

Voted, That the Grand Lodge listen to the reading of the Grand Chancellor's Report.

Grand Chancellor STORY then presented his official report as follows:

GRAND CHANCELLOR'S REPORT.

PYTHIAN HALL, DOVER, FEB. 11, 1875,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE ELEVENTH.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of New Hampshire:

OFFICERS AND PAST CHANCELLORS:

Time in its rapid flight has added another year to the Pythian record, and as I scan the twelve months that are past I am reminded of my obligations to you, and it is a source of gratification to me to be able to present this report of my official acts.

The year that has just ended has been one of interest to us as an Order, and although our growth has not been rapid, we have at least held the ground secured in former years.

Our proportion of the Supreme Lodge indebtedness has been paid in full, a due account of which will be found in

the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. We have paid not only the amount voted at the Special Session of the Grand Lodge, held at Manchester, but twenty cents on the membership, as shown by the reports for January, 1874.

During the month of October, 1874, I instituted two new Lodges, viz: Norris Lodge No. 16, of Pittsfield, and Hillsborough Lodge No. 17, at Hillsborough Bridge. Each of these Lodges started with twelve charter members, and are both doing well, as will be shown in my report of official visits. They are at present working under Dispensations granted by me, and I trust this Grand Body will be pleased to grant each of them Charters in lieu thereof. In instituting these Lodges I was aided by Brothers from Portsmouth, Manchester, Suncook, Concord and Fisherville, and for the good services rendered they will please accept my best acknowledgments.

I have visited all the Lodges, with one exception, and was prevented in that instance by sickness, much to my regret.

In regard to the Lodges I have visited, they each seemed to be in good condition, and everything appears to be harmonious, so far as the Order in this jurisdiction is concerned. I find however in certain localities some dissatisfaction in regard to the "Traveling Shields," many believing they are detrimental to the welfare of the Order at large, and they think some better method might be adopted.

I also find many who are not suited with the uniform cap and "Helmet" adopted by the Supreme Lodge. They think some kind of felt hat is what is needed, and do not hesitate to say they will not procure uniforms until something of the kind is provided. I am free to confess that I share the feeling expressed, and believe that if a suitable hat had been adopted we should have many Lodges in New Hampshire fully provided with uniforms that are now so only in part.

In my judgment everything looks promising for the ad-

vancement of our Order in the State, and that we sustain the good reputation we sustained one year ago I think all will admit.

There seems to be a general demand for a parade, and I think it would have a tendency to add to our growth. I trust measures will be taken at the present session to bring about so desirable a result.

The money paid for the outfits of the new Lodges, together with the Charter fees, has been received by me. I have also received seven dollars for Dispensations granted, and have delivered this money to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, taking his receipts therefor.

I now call your attention to the condition of the Lodges, as they appeared to me at the time of my visits.

PIONEER LODGE, NEWMARKET.

I visited this Lodge December 4th, 1874, and found they had been laboring under several disadvantages, which had a tendency to discourage the members. Their prospects however appear brighter, and there is little doubt that the cloud which has hung over them in the past has been lifted. Believing this Lodge has seen its darkest days, I have no fears for their welfare in the future. District Deputy Grand Chancellor FRYE reports that better interest is manifested, and they are having considerable work.

SWAMSCOTT LODGE, EXETER.

I made an official visit to this Lodge November 30, 1874, and found very good interest in the membership, and their officers proficient in the work. The second and third ranks were conferred at the time of my visit, in an exemplary

manner, and I have seldom seen a better impression made on the minds of candidates.

This Lodge has recently leased and fitted an elegant and commodious hall, is increasing in membership and deserving of much praise.

GRANITE LODGE, MANCHESTER.

This Lodge needs no praise from me. It is the largest in the State, is enjoying a rapid growth, and has a good board of officers.

I made them an official visit December 7th, 1874, and witnessed the conferring of the second rank, which was well executed. The Lodge is a credit to itself and an honor to the Order. I installed the officers of this Lodge on the evening of January 4th, 1875.

MERRIMACK LODGE, MANCHESTER.

With this Lodge I have had much to do, having been one of its members from the first month of its existence. It is but justice to say that it is one of the best Lodges in the State. It is in good condition as regards finances and membership. Its present board of officers are all that could be wished, and they are increasing in membership as fast as is desirable for a healthy and permanent growth. I installed the officers of this Lodge on the evening of January 1st, 1875.

NASHUA LODGE, NASHUA.

I visited this Lodge February 3d, 1875. But very few members were present, it being a very stormy night. But little work has been done during the past term, owing to the

dulness of the times. The Lodge is in good financial condition and the members I had the pleasure of meeting manifested a deep interest in the welfare of the Order. District Deputy Grand Chancellor TOWNS reports the Lodge in a healthy condition, and that harmony and peace prevail.

OLIVE BRANCH LODGE, DOVER.

I made an official visit to this Lodge January 13th, 1875, and although they had no work at the time of my visit, I am fully persuaded they are all we could wish as a Lodge. They are enjoying a rapid growth, and during the past year have made twenty-three Knights. The best of interest is shown by the members, and the officers are men who understand their duties.

They have recently refitted their Lodge room, and added an emblem carpet, which adds much to the beauty of their Castle Hall.

RISING SUN LODGE, ROCHESTER.

This is the Lodge that has been tried by the ordeal of fire, and the members have displayed a heroism worthy of men. I visited them officially December 3d, 1874. They are growing slowly but substantially. There was no work at the time of my visit, but they give every appearance of a well-ordered Lodge, and are a credit to the Order.

CONCORD LODGE, CONCORD.

I made an official visit to this Lodge on the evening of January 6th, 1875, and installed their officers. All that may be said in praise of other Lodges can be said of this. It is

in good condition in every respect. The city can boast of no better men than are found here. The officers are men who understand their duties and fulfill them. The second and third ranks were conferred at the time of my visit, and the evening was one of pleasure to me.

DAMON LODGE, PORTSMOUTH.

This is one of the best working Lodges in the State, if there is any truth in the reports I have received. They work the third Rank in the "amplified" form. They have been unfortunate in regard to the health of their members, many having been sick during the past year.

I made them a visit January 7th, 1874, accompanied by Vice Grand Chancellor SEAVEY and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal ROLLINS. We did not have the pleasure of witnessing their work, but were agreeably entertained and passed a very pleasant evening with them.

PAWTUCKAWAY LODGE, EPPING.

I visited this Lodge December 29th, 1874, and at the time of my visit many of the members were absent from town. But from what I could learn, the best of harmony prevails. I was present at their election of officers, and each was unanimously chosen. District Deputy Grand Chancellor F. E. BEAN informed me that such was invariably the case. I did not witness their work on either of the grades of rank, and but little has been done during the year.

HARMONY LODGE, FARMINGTON.

I visited this Lodge December 1st, 1874, and was cordially received and kindly treated. I have seen no better interest

shown than I saw here, nearly every member being present. I was much interested in their manner of working, which differs from what I have seen in other Lodges.

The second and third ranks were conferred at the time of my visit, and in a manner unsurpassed by any Lodge I have yet seen. They have been very fortunate in regard to the health of their members, and their financial condition is the best in the State.

ORIENTAL LODGE, SUNCOOK.

This Lodge I was unable to visit, much to my regret. So far as I am able to learn, however, they are in good condition, and sustain the reputation they possessed in former years.

PROSPECT LODGE, GREAT FALLS.

I visited this Lodge December 2d, 1874, and found one of the finest Lodge rooms in the State, and a membership of which they may well be proud. I witnessed none of their work at the time of my visit, but do not hesitate to say the officers are all that could be desired.

MYRTLE LODGE, FISHERVILLE.

Though few in number, I have not seen better interest in any Lodge in the State. Quality in the membership seems to be the motto with them, and appearances indicate that it would be useless for an unworthy person to seek to gain admittance to their Castle Hall.

I visited them December 9th, 1874, and found them interested in the principles of the Order, in good working condition, and with an able set of officers.

SULLIVAN LODGE, CLAREMONT.

This Lodge has interested me very much, and believing they were in need of all the information that could possibly be given at one visit, I took with me District Deputy Grand Chancellor W. E. MOORE, of Granite Lodge, and made them an official visit, December 15th, 1874. We found them sadly deficient in nearly all the secret work. Brother MOORE and myself instructed them to the best of our ability, until nearly twelve o'clock at night, and they were then reluctant to have us leave them.

Great credit is certainly due them as a Lodge; they have recently rented and carpeted a new hall, and were furnishing it with desks and altar, made after the regulation pattern. Part of the furniture was already finished and in use at the time of our visit. I would recommend that my successor make them a visit at his earliest convenience.

In the early history of this Lodge there was carried away one of the Rituals, by their first District Deputy Grand Chancellor, who has ceased to be a member of the Order. I have made what effort I could for its recovery, but am unable to obtain any trace of it.

NORRIS LODGE, PITTSFIELD.

This Lodge has made a small increase in membership only, since it was instituted, owing to the dulness of business. They are however deeply interested in the principles of the Order, and are a worthy body of men. I believe in course of time this will become one of the best Lodges in the State. I visited them January 28th, 1875, and found them well located in a comfortable hall, with everything new and in the best order.

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE, HILLSBOROUGH BRIDGE.

This Lodge, I am happy to say, is composed of men of good character, who having undertaken a work know no such word as fail. I made them a visit December 21st, 1874, and instructed them in the work. The several ranks were conferred on two candidates, and the best of interest prevailed.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, permit me to return my best thanks for the courtesy I have received from the members of this Lodge, and for the kindness shown me by the Brothers of the Order throughout the State. Hoping that my successor may fill this position in a manner worthy of your highest commendation, I leave the chair with the best wishes for you all.

Fraternally yours,

ALBERT STORY,

Grand Chancellor.

On motion:

Voted, That the report be referred to the Committee on Laws and Supervision.

On motion:

Voted, That the Grand Lodge listen to the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, FRANK E. ROL-

LINS, then presented a report covering the transactions of his official year, as follows:

DOVER, N. H., FEBRUARY 11, 1875.
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE ELEVENTH.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of New Hampshire:

BROTHERS: Another year has passed, and again we are convened to legislate for the interests of our beloved Order in this jurisdiction; to act upon the reports of those whom you have placed in authority; to deliberate and act upon questions which will have an important bearing on the future of our Order; and to rejoice that the year just closed has been one of almost unbroken prosperity.

Our increase has been steady and solid, and we know that our column is strong and united. Harmony has prevailed throughout the Lodges, and we feel that we have much to be thankful for.

Let the results of the past year cheer us on to brighter deeds for the future.

NEW LODGES.

On the 30th of September last I received from Grand Chancellor ALBERT STORY, $40.00, as charter fees for two Lodges which were to be instituted at an early day. By his orders I immediately ordered two complete outfits from M. C. Lilley & Co., on which I obtained thirty days time. I also ordered from Brother DOWDALL, Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, two sets of Rituals and one hundred Odes (the Installation Books we had on hand).

On October 10th I received a letter from the Grand Chancellor, in which he stated that he should go to Pittsfield on the 15th and institute the Lodge at that place, and wished me to accompany him, but circumstances over which I had no control made it impossible for me to leave my business at that time, which I very much regretted—and it was also the case when Hillsborough Lodge was instituted. Seeing that he would be present at the

formation of these Lodges, I sent to the Grand Chancellor the Grand Lodge Regalias and all the books and papers necessary to be used on those occasions. A more complete report of this matter you have heard from the Grand Chancellor's report.

I received from Grand Chancellor STORY $309.40, in money and vouchers, in payment for the outfits and express on the same. I immediately paid M. C. Lilley & Co., and hold vouchers of the Grand Master of Exchequer for the balance.

These Lodges are now in good working order; they have been prompt in all their business at this office, and they bid fair to rank among the best Lodges in the State.

THE SUPREME LODGE INDEBTEDNESS.

This is a matter that has called forth a great amount of writing and a still larger amount of talking, but it is now finally settled and we stand clear upon the books of the Supreme Lodge, excepting the Supreme Lodge Tax for 1875, which has not been paid.

In order to explain a matter that some of the Brothers do not understand, I will go back to our last annual session. At that time there were but nine of the Lodges that had reported, and most of them had added the proviso that should the remaining Lodges fail to report the money should be credited to them as per capita tax. The remaining Lodges sent in their proportion in July, and with the per capita tax we were in possession of funds to pay the $150.00 voted by this Grand Lodge at its Special Session. In May last I received a letter from the Grand Chancellor with an order to Brother MOULTON, Grand Master of Exchequer, to forward the $150.00 voted at our Special Session. He replied that there was only about $50.00 in his hands. I communicated this fact to Grand Chancellor STORY, and he ordered Brother MOULTON or myself to borrow the money. Brother MOULTON informed me that he could not obtain it at Rochester, and I could not here, and so wrote to the Grand Chancellor. He then obtained it in Manchester, a report of which you have heard,

In August I received a letter from the Grand Chancellor asking me to come to Manchester with the books; I did so, and explained to him and the Brothers present our financial condition to a dollar.

On my return I forwarded to the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal the balance of the amount asked for by the Supreme Lodge, (i. e., twenty cents on each member in good standing on January 1, 1874,) in the form of Brother HOWARD's certificate of indebtedness for $78.40, which left to our credit $27.00, which was taken up in supplies.

The Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal replied as follows: "I thank you for your contribution. If all will do as well as your jurisdiction has the Supreme Lodge will be free of debt, and the two D's will be happy." He has since informed me that there were but four jurisdictions that reported in advance of New Hampshire.

The Lodges have now all paid in their proportion and the matter is settled.

INSTALLATION BOOKS.

In July last I received the new Installation Books—from some oversight of some one they laid in the express office a week or more before I knew of their arrival. I immediately sent out what was ordered, and have continued to fill orders until the last of December, when every Lodge was supplied. I have the old ones in my keeping subject to your orders.

TRAVELING SHIELDS.

In August I ordered the first lot of Shields, and immediately filled what orders I had on hand, and have forwarded to the Lodges as fast as they were ordered, until now almost every Lodge has some on hand.

OLD RITUALS AND INSTALLATION BOOKS.

In November last I received a communication from Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, Brother DOWDALL, from which I quote the following:

"The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal will burn all old Rituals and Installation Books heretofore used by the Subordinate Lodges of his Grand Jurisdiction, and exchanged for the new or Revised Rituals and Installation Books; and certify the number of each kind so destroyed, such certificate to be sent with the annual report."

Thinking it would be as well to destroy them in the presence of the Grand Lodge, or at least its officers, I have brought them here and hope that they will be destroyed at this session.

GRAND LODGE RITUALS.

In December last I received a circular from the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, in which he informed me that the Grand Lodge Rituals had been revised, and the names of the officers made to correspond with those of the Subordinate Lodges.

I wrote to the Grand Chancellor of the fact, asking him if it would not be well to order Rituals in exchange for those we now have. He replied instructing me to make the exchange, which I did, and they are now in the possession of this Grand Lodge.

The old Rituals are to be given to the Supreme Chancellor, by orders of the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal.

The total receipts for the year are as follows:

For per capita tax,	$504.75
exchange on installation books,	27.30
Supreme Lodge indebtedness,	66.25
supplies,	73.10
From other sources,	451.40
	$1,122.80

For which I hold the vouchers of the Grand Master of Exchequer.

Our membership is as follows:

Past Grand Chancellors,	13
Past Chancellors,	129
Knights,	858
Esquires,	13
Pages,	20
Initiated during the year,	142
Rejected " "	9
Suspended " "	113
Deaths " "	7
Gained " "	26
Total number of members July 1, 1875,	1,033
Admitted by card,	3
Reinstated,	12
Withdrawn,	17

During the past year we have lost another of our Past Chancellors by the hand of death. In February last Past Chancellor J. C. Allard, of Swamscott Lodge No. 2, was very suddenly killed by a fall from a building on which he was at work. He was one of the charter members of Swamscott Lodge, and was one of the members of this Grand Lodge at its formation. He was a good Brother, and was always to be found at his post of duty. I would recommend that a series of resolutions be passed and forwarded to his widow by this Grand Lodge.

In closing my term of office I would return to you all my thanks for the courtesies extended to me. My associate Grand Officers I would especially thank for their knightly conduct towards me and the many acts of kindness shown me during my term of office. May we never lose our interest in our beloved Order, but always be found at our post of duty, doing with our might while the day lasts. To the District Deputy Grand Chancellors and the Keepers of Records and Seal I would say that I thank you for your

promptness and for the patience shown in awaiting answers to your numerous letters. May you all give to my successor the same support that you have to me.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK E. ROLLINS,

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

On motion:

Voted, That the report be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion:

Voted, That the Grand Lodge listen to the report of the Grand Master of Exchequer.

The Grand Master of Exchequer, LARKIN D. MOULTON, then presented his annual report, as follows:

DOVER, N. H., FEBRUARY 11, 1874,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE ELEVENTH.

To the Officers and Past Chancellors of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire:

I have the honor of presenting the following report for the year ending at this date:

RECEIPTS.

1874—February 12, received F. E. ROLLINS's bill,	42 54
" Cash on hand,	374 49
March 5, received draft,	6 35
July 10, received of FRANK E. ROLLINS, Post Office order,	50 00
July 25, received of FRANK E. ROLLINS, Post Office order,	25 00
July 25, received of FRANK E. ROLLINS, Supreme Lodge bill,	24 40
Carried forward,	$522 78

Brought forward,	522 78
August 4, received of FRANK E. ROLLINS, Post Office order,	50 00
August 5, received of FRANK E. ROLLINS, Post Office order,	25 00
August 8, received of FRANK E. ROLLINS,	17 70
August 8, received of FRANK E. ROLLINS, Post Office order,	25 00
August 14, received of FRANK E. ROLLINS, Post Office order,	20 00
August 14, received DANIEL E. HOWARD'S bill,	78 40
August 14, received bill for supplies,	9 60
October 2, received Supreme Lodge bill of supplies,	286 00
October 2, received bill of freight and express,	23 40
1875—January 16, received Post Office orders,	125 00
January 19, received Post Office orders and check,	75 00
January 19, received FRANK E. ROLLINS'S bill,	20 28
January 26, received Post Office order,	40 00
February 11, received cash and bills,	146 98
Total receipts,	$1,465 14

EXPENDITURES.

1874—February 12, paid FRANK E. ROLLINS'S bill,	42 54
February 12, paid DANIEL E. HOWARD'S bill,	43 25
February 12, paid W. E. MOORE'S bill for printing,	44 00
February 23, paid Supreme Lodge tax,	150 00
March 14, paid W. E. MOORE'S bill for printing,	45 00
July 11, paid Moore & Peasley's bill "	92 00
July 25, paid Supreme Lodge bill for installation books,	24 40
August 8, paid FRANK E. ROLLINS'S bill,	17 70
Carried forward,	$458 89

Brought forward,	458 89
August 10, paid JOSEPH L. DOW'S bill, as per order,	150 16
August 14, paid DANIEL E. HOWARD'S bill,	78 40
August 14, paid bill for supplies,	9 60
September 4, paid FRANK E. ROLLINS, Post Office order,	20 00
October 2, paid Supreme Lodge bill,	25 00
October 15, paid Supreme Lodge bill of supplies,	286 00
October 15, paid bill of freight and express,	23 40
1875—January 19, paid FRANK E. ROLLINS'S bill,	20 28
February 11, paid Supreme Lodge bill for Charter plates,	4 00
February 11, paid Supreme Lodge bill for Rituals and installation books,	7 00
February 11, paid FRANK E. ROLLINS'S bill,	40 50
February 11, paid L. B. MOULTON'S bill,	3 65
Total expenditures,	$1,126 88

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of receipts,	1,465 14
Whole amount of expenditures,	1,126 88
Balance in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer,	$338 26

Respectfully submitted,

LARKIN D. MOULTON,
G. M. of E.

On motion:

Voted, That the report be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The hour of half-past one having arrived, on motion of Past Grand Chancellor LIBBEY:

Voted, That the Grand Lodge adjourn to meet at half-past two o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at half-past two o'clock P. M., Grand Chancellor STORY in the chair.

On motion:

Voted, That the Grand Lodge proceed to the election of officers.

The Grand Chancellor appointed as tellers, Brothers J. L. DOW of No. 3, A. J. SIDES of No. 9, and J. J. SMITH of No. 11.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to ballot, and the following officers were declared elected:

JAMES F. SEAVEY, of Dover, *Grand Chancellor.*

FRANK E. ROLLINS, of Exeter, *Grand Vice Chancellor.*

O. H. COPELAND, of Newmarket, *Grand Prelate.*

LORENZO K. PEACOCK, of Concord, *Grand Master of Exchequer.*

WILLIAM E. MOORE, of Manchester, *Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.*

GEORGE P. APPLETON, of Suncook, *Grand Master-at-Arms.*

JOHN W. SAUL, of Concord, *Grand Inner Guard.*

J. J. SMITH, of Rochester, *Grand Outer Guard.*

On motion:

Voted, That the Grand Chancellor be empowered to install the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal at his earliest convenience.

On motion:

Voted, That the Grand Lodge proceed to the election of Supreme Representative.

A lengthy discussion followed on the eligibility of the retiring Grand Chancellor to the office of Supreme Representative.

Upon a vote being taken, Past Grand Chancellor J. T. S. LIBBEY was declared elected.

On motion:

Voted, That the action of this Grand Lodge at its last session, in reference to making Brother J. L. THOMPSON, of Nashua Lodge No. 5, a Past Chancellor, be reconsidered.

Past Grand Chancellor S. S. DAVIS introduced the following resolutions:

Resolved, That further action on the request of Nashua Lodge No. 5, and the report of the committee on the same, be indefinitely postponed.

Resolved, That from and after this date no Past Chancellors be made in this jurisdiction except by actual service as Chancellor Commander; provided, that whenever a Chancellor Commander is re-elected, or a Past Chancellor is elected as Chancellor Commander, the Lodge may elect by ballot some Knight on whom this Grand Lodge will confer the rank of Past Chancellor; said election must take place before the session of the Grand Lodge following the re-election of said Chancellor Commander or a Past Chancellor.

The above resolutions were accepted.

The Committee on Finance made the following report:

DOVER, N. H., FEBRUARY 11, 1875.
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE ELEVENTH.

To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of New Hampshire:

The Finance Committee have examined the accounts of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and Grand Master of Exchequer, and find them as follows:

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal has received since February 19, 1874,		$1,122.80

Which is accounted for as follows:

Paid Grand Master of Exchequer,	$1,084.11	
F. E. Rollins,	24.69	
		$1,108.80
Leaving a balance in his hands to date,		$14.00
Cash in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer, February 12, 1874,	$374.49	
And from old account,	42.54	
Since which time he has received from the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal,	1,084.11	
		$1,501.14
Paid bills as per receipts,		1,126.90
Leaving a balance in his hands to date,		$374.24

All which is respectfully submitted.

R. M. BLANCHARD,
F. W. McKINLEY,
W. P. TILTON,
Committee.

The above report was accepted.

The Committee on Returns and Credentials made the following report:

DOVER, N. H., FEBRUARY 11, A. D. 1875.
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE ELEVENTH.

To the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

BROTHERS: Your Committee on Returns and Credentials would respectfully state that they have carefully examined the returns of Subordinate Lodges, and herewith submit a report thereon:

We find Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,

In F. C. and B.,

CHAS. H. CURTIS,
J. T. S. LIBBEY,
S. W. SHEPHARD,
Committee on Returns and Credentials.

On motion:

Voted, That the report be accepted and placed on file.

The Committee on Laws and Supervision made the following report:

DOVER, FEBRUARY 11, A. D. 1875,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE ELEVENTH.

To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of New Hampshire:

The Committee on Laws and Supervision have had presented to them for their approval, during the past year, sets of By-Laws for the following Subordinate Lodges: Granite Lodge No. 3, Concord Lodge No. 8, Norris Lodge No 16, and Hillsborough Lodge No. 17. The revised Constitution for Subordinate Lodges was incorporated and printed with the By-Laws of Granite and Concord Lodges. The Constitution, as revised, has also been printed for Merrimack Lodge No. 4, and their revised By-Laws will be added as soon as adopted and approved.

No questions, other than those arising from an examination of the By-Laws, which have been made to conform to the Constitution, have been submitted to us for decision.

Some few errors having been found in the printed copies of the revised Constitutions for Grand and Subordinate Lodges, published by order of the Grand Lodge, printed slips of errata were supplied to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seals, of which officer they may be had upon application.

The legislation of the last session of the Supreme Lodge was very important, and involved some radical changes—the Traveling

Shield being perhaps the most important. We would recommend that you take no definite action relative to this question, but allow your Supreme Representatives to go to the Supreme Lodge and trust them to act as they may deem best, after hearing all there is to be said for and against them. Its object was two fold: first, protection from fraud and imposition; second, revenue to the Supreme Lodge, so much needed. Should it be repealed some other method of revenue must be provided, or there must be another debt. We bring this matter to your attention, as it affects the Order universal. Some have proposed a direct tax of five cents per capita. We fear this will be met with some opposition.

Charts, or certificates of membership, were adopted, and are issued ready for sale. Jewels are being manufactured for Supreme, Grand and Subordinate Lodges, Past Officers and Knights. The law now is that all Subordinate Lodges instituted after March 1st, must have the jewels for the officers of the Lodge, and it is the duty of the Grand Officers to furnish them with the Rituals and other supplies. They may wear regalias also, but they must wear the jewels. We would recommend that this Grand Lodge order a set of jewels for the Grand Lodge Officers, at the price of $55.00. We would recommend that all Subordinate Lodges purchase jewels as soon as possible, and would earnestly request each Subordinate Lodge to order three charts, one of each rank, to show to their members and give them an opportunity to purchase them.

We would re-affirm our fidelity as a jurisdiction to the Supreme Lodge and laws, and seek to promote its prosperity and general usefulness.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. DAVIS,
J. L. DOW,
J. T. S. LIBBEY,
Committee on Laws and Supervision.

On motion:

Voted, That the report be accepted and the recommendations adopted.

Past Chancellor CURTIS offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to Olive Branch Lodge No. 6, for the use of their hall for the session of the Grand Lodge, and for other courtesies extended.

On motion.

Voted, That the Grand Lodge adjourn till evening.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at half-past seven o'clock P. M., Grand Chancellor STORY in the chair.

Moore & Peasley's bill for printing, amounting to $10.17, was presented.

On motion:

Voted, That the bill be paid.

The bill of Grand Chancellor STORY, amounting to $68.20, was also presented, and on motion the same was ordered to be paid.

The Committee on Laws and Supervision made the following report:

DOVER, N. H., FEBRUARY 11, 1875,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE ELEVENTH.

To the Officers and Past Chancellors of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire:

The Committee on Laws and Supervision, having had under consideration the report of the Grand Chancellor, would report as follows:

That so much as refers to instituting of Norris Lodge No. 16, at Pittsfield, and Hillsborough Lodge No. 17, be confirmed, and we recommend that Charters be granted to them, and the Grand

Keeper of Records and Seal be instructed to forward the same to them.

So much as refers to the tax due the Supreme Lodge on payment of its debt is approved. Your committee also make mention of the interest manifested by the Grand Chancellor in this important matter, and recommend the approval of his acts relating thereto.

That so much as refers to the purchase of paraphernalia for new Lodges be confirmed.

We would endorse the proposition that at some future time a general parade of the Order in this State be had, and would recommend that this matter be referred to the Grand Chancellor, with power to act as may seem to him and the Grand Officers advisable.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. DAVIS,
J. L. DOW,
J. T. S. LIBBEY,
Committee on Laws and Supervision.

On motion:

Voted, that the report be accepted and the recommendations adopted.

On motion:

Voted, That the Grand Lodge proceed to the installation of officers for the ensuing year.

The Grand Chancellor then called upon SUPREME CHANCELLOR STILMAN S. DAVIS to install the officers elect, which he did with credit to himself and honor to the Order.

Past Chancellor ROLLINS introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That we return our thanks to the Subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction, for their promptness in sending to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal the amount asked for to help pay the Supreme Lodge indebtedness.

Accepted.

Supreme Chancellor S. S. DAVIS introduced the subject of the Centennial Exposition, to be held at Philadelphia in 1876, which called forth a great amount of discussion.

Past Grand Chancellor LIBBEY introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Jurisdiction of New Hampshire approves of the proposition submitted to us by the Supreme Lodge of the World, for a general parade of Knights of Pythias, during the great Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia in 1876, and that this Grand Lodge will make all reasonable effort to be represented upon that occasion; we would also recommend that the Annual Session of the Supreme Lodge for 1876, be held in Philadelphia during the Exposition.

Accepted.

On motion of Past Chancellor ROLLINS:

Voted, That the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be instructed to purchase a Past Grand Chancellor's collar, for the use of the Grand Lodge.

Supreme Representative DANIEL E. HOWARD introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That Article XII, Section 2, of the Grand Lodge Constitution, be amended so as to read: "Traveling Shields 25 cents each."

The above resolution was signed by Brothers D. E. HOWARD, K. W. MOSES and L. K. PEACOCK, and was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Past Grand Chancellor CLATUR:

Voted, That this Grand Lodge give permission to Granite Lodge No. 3, of Manchester, to receive Mr. Joseph B. Clark into their Lodge, he being a maimed person.

Past Chancellor KENNEDY introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the words "twenty-five cents" be stricken out, in Article IX, Section 2, of the Grand Lodge Constitution, and the words "twenty cents" inserted.

The above resolution, signed by Past Chancellors KENNEDY, DURGIN and PLUMER, was lost.

Supreme Representative HOWARD introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge recommend to the several Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction that they purchase three Memorial Charts, one of each rank, thereby giving each member an opportunity of seeing and purchasing the same.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion of Past Chancellor MCKINLEY:

Voted, That the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be instructed to prepare the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1874 and 1875, together with the Proceedings of the Special Session, for printing, and that the Committee on Laws and Supervision be made the committee on printing the same.

Supreme Representative HOWARD introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are eminently due and are hereby extended to our retiring Grand Chancellor, ALBERT STORY, for the faithful and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office.

On motion, the resolution was accepted.

Supreme Representative HOWARD also introduced the following communication:

CONCORD, N. H., JANUARY 22, 1875.
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE ELEVENTH.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of New Hampshire:

At a meeting of Concord Lodge, No. 8, Knights of Pythias, held January 20th, 1875, the following amendments were made to the By-Laws of said Lodge:

Strike out all of the first section of Article 4, as far as the words "provided always," in the eleventh line, and insert the following in the place thereof:

"Every member of this Lodge who has attained the rank of Knight shall be deemed a beneficial member, and in case of sickness or disability, within the meaning of the constitution, shall be entitled to and shall receive from the funds of the Lodge the sum of four dollars per week during his sickness or disability, commencing not more than one week anterior to the date of his being reported to the Lodge."

We would respectfully ask the approval of the same by your Grand Body.

Fraternally yours,

W. H. BUNTIN,
Keeper of Records and Seal.

The above communication was accepted and the action of the Subordinate Lodge approved.

Past Grand Chancellor S. S. DAVIS extended an invitation to the Grand Lodge to meet with Nashua Lodge No. 5, on February next.

The invitation was unanimously accepted.

On motion of Past Chancellor ROLLINS:

Voted, That the Grand Lodge return its thanks to Supreme Chancellor S. S. DAVIS, for the able and efficient manner in which he has installed the officers of the Grand Lodge, and for the vast amount of information he has given us to-day.

The Grand Chancellor then announced his appointment of standing committees for the ensuing year, as follows:

On Laws and Supervision.—J. L. DOW, W. E. MOORE, J. M. MALLON.

On Finance.—F. W. MCKINLEY, R. M. BLANCHARD, W. P. TILTON.

On Appeals and Grievances.—D. E. HOWARD, O. H. COPELAND, FRED. FINEMAN.

On Credentials and Returns—CHAS. H. CURTIS, KIRK W. MOSES, A. J. SIDES.

The following were appointed as District Deputy Grand Chancellors:

No. 1—Pioneer Lodge, Newmarket, WILLIAM A. FRYE.
" 2—Swamscott Lodge, Exeter, T. B. HOYT.
" 3—Granite Lodge, Manchester, C. W. TEMPLE.
" 4—Merrimack Lodge, " "
" 5—Nashua Lodge, Nashua, R. M. BLANCHARD.
" 6—Olive Branch Lodge, Dover, G. W. VARNEY.
" 7—Rising Sun Lodge, Rochester, E. J. MATHES.
" 8—Concord Lodge, Concord, C. M. LANG.
" 9—Damon Lodge, Portsmouth, T. BETTON.
" 10—Pawtuckaway Lodge, Epping, FRANK E. BEAN.
" 11—Harmony Lodge, Farmington, R. B. FOSS.
" 12—Oriental Lodge, Suncook, J. F. BARTLETT.
" 13—Prospect Lodge, Great Falls, ANDREW G. BRACEY.

No. 14—Myrtle Lodge, Fisherville, D. W. Fox.
" 15—Sullivan Lodge, Claremont, Elias Hurd.
" 16—Norris Lodge, Pittsfield, H. W. Lawrence.
" 17—Hillsborough Lodge, Hillsborough Bridge, Cyrus W. Perry.

By order of the Grand Lodge, seventy-nine old Rituals and fifty-two old Installation Books were burned.

There being no further business, the Grand Lodge was closed in form, to meet at Nashua, on the second Thursday in February, 1876.

FRANK E. ROLLINS,
G. R. and C. S.

OFFICERS FOR 1875.

JAMES F. SEAVEY, *Grand Chancellor.*
FRANK E. ROLLINS, *Grand Vice Chancellor.*
O. H. COPELAND, *Grand Prelate.*
WM. E. MOORE, *Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.*
LORENZO K. PEACOCK, *Grand Master of Exchequer.*
GEORGE P. APPLETON, *Grand Master-at-Arms.*
JOHN W. SAUL, *Grand Inner Guard.*
J. J. SMITH, *Grand Outer Guard.*
DANIEL E. HOWARD and J. T. S. LIBBEY, *Supreme Representatives.*

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Laws and Supervision of Laws.

J. L. DOW, W. E. MOORE, J. M. MALLON.

On Finance.

F. W. McKINLEY, R. M. BLANCHARD, W. P. TILTON.

On Appeals and Grievances.

D. E. HOWARD, O. H. COPELAND, F. FINEMAN.

On Credentials and Returns.

C. H. CURTIS, KIRK W. MOSES, A. J. SIDES.

[NOTE.—In preparing the foregoing Proceedings for the press, the Committee have used every endeavor to make the work as complete as possible. Omissions in the manuscript journal have been supplied whenever practicable, although several were discovered too late for insertion in their appropriate place. The reports of the Supreme Representatives, for 1873–74–75, will be found in the Appendix. A table has also been added, showing the condition of the Order in this Jurisdiction under date of July 1, 1875.—W. E. M.]

APPENDIX.

REPORTS OF SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

1873.

DOVER, N. H., JUNE 5, 1873.
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE TENTH.

To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of New Hampshire:

In compliance with the instructions of our Grand Jurisdiction at its last Annual Session, we submit this our report as Supreme Representatives.

The Fifth Annual Session of the Supreme Lodge of the World, Knights of Pythias, assembled at Richmond, April 15th, 1873. The thirty-one Grand Jurisdictions, with one or two exceptions, were represented. In addition to the two Supreme Representatives, our Grand Lodge had the honor of being represented by Brother S. S. DAVIS of Nashua, Supreme Vice Chancellor, whose wisdom and council in matters pertaining to the welfare of the Order all admitted and all admired, and which were of inestimable value in the deliberations of the Supreme Body. We were most cordially welcomed and most hospitably entertained by the Knights of Richmond, whose brotherly kindness we take great pleasure in acknowledging.

A trouble in Pennsylvania had grown into enormous proportions during the recess of the Supreme Lodge, resulting in the suspension of that Grand Jurisdiction, and threatening at one

time the disruption of the Order. But we are pleased to report that it was settled in the most satisfactory manner, the honor and dignity of the Supreme Lodge maintained in sustaining the action of the Supreme Chancellor, and the fraternal hand of the Supreme Lodge extended in such a way that it could be grasped by that great Grand Jurisdiction and full fellowship again restored.

While a great amount of business was transacted, there were no radical changes made in the Ritual or laws of the Order. And we submit the following as among the most important votes and decisions of the Supreme Lodge:

Dispensations can be granted by Grand Lodge in open session to admit maimed persons capable of earning a livelihood.

Outside uniforms cannot take the place of inside or working regalia.

Grand Lodges cannot grant permission to initiate for less than the minimum sum of $10.

Grand Lodges can determine whether Master-at-Arms shall be appointed or elected.

Ritual paramount to constitution.

Rituals must be kept in Lodge Room at all times, and under lock and key when not in use.

Acroatic Agendas are to be called in July 1st, except one in each Grand Jurisdiction.

A form for either public or private Installation was adopted.

A form for Burial Service was reported and probably adopted.

Printed blanks are to be used by Grand Lodges in reporting moneys forwarded to Supreme Lodge.

Grand Lodges may determine whether benefits be paid to widows of Brothers committing suicide in their jurisdiction.

Grand Lodges alone have the power to create Past Chancellors.

Grand Lodges may create the office of Lecturer, and define his duties.

The status of members in arrears is a matter for Grand Lodge legislation.

Subordinate Lodges are not required to wear nor prohibited from wearing uniforms in addition to regalia when working degrees.

Adopted a tri-color banner, with shield in centre.

Withdrawal cards evidence no rank in the Order of higher grade than that of Knight.

Withdrawal cards can not and must not be used for, or recognized in any sense as visiting cards.

Withdrawal cards, by the provisions on their face, cease to be of value twelve months from date.

A withdrawal card can be renewed after it has run out by the Lodge having granted the same, and upon such terms as the Lodge may determine.

Lodges, Grand or Subordinate, work illegally without the Charter or Dispensation being in the Lodge or ante room.

Lodges may elect whom they please Chancellor Commander, if eligible otherwise under the local law. There is no general law making it rotative from lower offices up.

Pages and Esquires are entitled to and can be admitted in a Lodge when opened and working in that rank, by the order of the Chancellor Commander.

Any officer or other member retiring from the Lodge under "an order" from the Chancellor Commander, or entering it again after having performed the duty for which being sent out of the Lodge, is not required to give the sign on retiring or re-entering, but must "work" his way through the doors.

A petition once submitted, read to the Lodge, referred to a committee, and reported upon by said committee, becomes Lodge property, cannot be withdrawn under any circumstances, but must go to ballot and take its chances.

In balloting (as per Section 3, Article V, Sub. Con. of S. L.), two black balls appearing a second ballot is ordered at once; two or more appearing on the second ballot, he is rejected. Should three black balls appear the first ballot it requires no other ballot to be taken at all.

J. T. S. LIBBEY,
S. C. CLATUR,
Supreme Representatives.

1874.

DOVER, N. H., JUNE 10, 1874,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE ELEVENTH.

To the Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, Jurisdiction of New Hampshire:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

In compliance with the vote of the Grand Lodge at its last session, we offer you, and through you to the several Subordinate Lodges, the following as our report.

The Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the World, held its Sixth Annual Session at the hall of Leonidas Lodge No. 385, at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday, April 12th, 1874, and continued in session till midnight, Saturday, April 25th. The Knights of Pittsburg gave the members of the Supreme Lodge a most cordial welcome, and spared neither time, labor nor expense to make pleasant their stay among them.

All the officers of the Supreme Lodge were present, and every Grand Jurisdiction was represented, with the exception of California, Louisiana, South Carolina and Nevada. The session was long and laborious, and much legislation of importance to Grand and Subordinate Lodges was the result.

An almost entirely new Constitution for the Supreme Lodge was adopted, directly affecting the Constitutions for Grand and Subordinate Lodges, and rendering necessary their careful revision. It will be impossible in this report to give more than a synopsis of the more important changes in the Constitution, and of the new enactments affecting our jurisdicaion, having no data at our command, except such notes as we were able to make during the session.

The reports of the Supreme Chancellor, Supreme Scribe, and Supreme Banker, represented the Order to be in a very prosperous condition, embracing thirty-four Grand Lodges, and twelve hundred and two Subordinate Lodges, with a total membership of

97,701. Louisiana, South Carolina, Ontario and Alabama, together with the Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the Supreme Lodge, are not included in the figures above given.

The Finance Committee reported the indebtedness of the Supreme Lodge to be about $16,000—and offered the following:

Resolved, That each Grand Jurisdiction be requested to pay to the Supreme Lodge such amount of tax as may be equal to twenty cents for each member belonging thereto on the first day of January, 1874, and they are hereby authorized to collect the same either by direct tax on the Subordinate Lodges, or by appropriation from the Grand Lodge exchequer.

The above was unanimously adopted, and nearly every member pledged his most earnest efforts in carrying the same into effect. Many of the Grand Jurisdictions have anticipated the call, and appropriated the required amount. It is with feelings of pride and satisfaction that we remember that New Hampshire was the pioneer in the plan adopted, and we earnestly hope that no Lodge will fail to contribute its proportion.

It is also with feelings of pride and congratulation that we are permitted to announce to you that the little State of New Hampshire has the honor of being the home of the Supreme Chancellor, Knights of Pythias of the World, our distinguished and most worthy Brother, S. S. Davis, of Nashua Lodge No. 5, having been elected to fill that honorable and exalted position. Let us then, as an entire membership, extend to him our cordial, earnest and brotherly assistance, in the arduous and responsible duties which will devolve upon him, that we with him may be able to witness and share in the benefits of a successful administration.

The following are among the most important requirements, omitting those to which your attention has already been called by the Supreme Chancellor, through the Grand Chancellor and his Deputies:

Designs for Past Officers', Officers', and Knights' Jewels were adopted. These Jewels are to be worn on the left breast with the uniform, and when so worn may take the place of the working regalia.

A form of "Official" and "Membership Charts" was also adopted, and officers of Lodges are prohibited from signing any certificate of membership, other than credentials, not issued by the Supreme Lodge.

The titles of officers of Supreme and Grand Lodges were changed to correspond to the present Subordinate Lodge officers.

Grand Lodges may change the time of holding their regular sessions.

Grand Lodges may so legislate as to give the Grand Chancellor power to confer the rank of Past Chancellor.

Meetings held on the Sabbath are not legal.

Each Subordinate Lodge is required to procure a "Journal of the Supreme Lodge Proceedings." Price one dollar per copy.

It was recommended that the "unwritten work" be not changed for five years.

Withdrawal cards are for Knights only.

Grand Chancellors were requested to present to their Subordinate Lodges the subject of a public parade of the Knights of Pythias of the World, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, during the contemplated Centennial Exposition in 1876, and report the feeling of their several jurisdictions at the next regular session of the Supreme Lodge.

A visiting Lodge, after working through the outer door, may be examined by the Master-at-Arms, and admitted to the Lodge room without working through the inner door.

The rank of Past Chancellor can be conferred only in open Lodge.

The former Supreme Scribe, CLARENCE M. BARTON, was suspended from membership in the Supreme Lodge, and his Grand Lodge requested to take measures for his trial in his Subordinate Lodge.

The next Annual Session of the Supreme Lodge will be held at Wasnington, D. C., on the third Tuesday of May, 1875.

J. T. S. LIBBEY,
DANIEL E. HOWARD,
Supreme Representatives.

1875.

CONCORD, N. H., JULY 1, 1875,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE TWELFTH.

To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of New Hampshire:

The Supreme Lodge of the World, Knights of Pythias, assembled in Washington for its Annual Session on Tuesday, May 18th, 1875. Supreme Chancellor S. S. DAVIS presided, and all the officers were present except Past Supreme Chancellor BERRY. The Supreme Lodge now consists of thirty-four Grand Jurisdictions, nearly all of which were represented. In point of character and ability the body, as a whole, will compare favorable with any similar organization in the land. Encouraging reports came from every quarter of the growth, prosperity and general improvement in the Order.

At the close of the session last year, there was a large indebtedness of the Supreme Lodge, but as the result of its legislation then, and the judicious and untiring efforts of the Supreme Chancellor and the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, since that time, it has been entirely cancelled, and a small fund remains to begin a new year with. This result is gratifying to the entire membership, and especially to our Grand Jurisdiction, which inaugurated the great movement that had the most to do with bringing it about.

The report of the Supreme Chancellor was an able and carefully prepared document, and contained many practical and useful suggestions, as well as many important rulings and decisions upon points which had been submitted to him. A deep sense of gratitude was felt and expressed towards this officer for the able, honest and faithful manner in which he discharged all the duties of his office during the year. The remarkably high estimation in which he was held by every member of the Supreme Lodge, was a great source of gratification to your Representatives, as it must also be to every member of our Grand Jurisdiction.

The session was not peculiar for a great amount of legislation, as Constitutions for Supreme, Grand and Subordinate Lodges had so recently been adopted, but business of quite as much importance to the harmony and success of the Order was transacted. Much of the time of your Representatives was occupied upon important committee work, and hence they could not gather a complete record of all the business transacted, but will submit what was done while they were present.

Much of the time of the Supreme Lodge was devoted to the secret work of the Order, and in adopting Rules of Order.

The Traveling Shield, that great annoyance to many Lodges, was virtually abolished, and an Universal Pass Word re-established. The Shield need only be used hereafter as an evidence of membership, and that the holder is entitled to benefits.

A new Helmet was adopted, to be made of silk plush or felt. It makes a very light and neat head dress.

The matter of memorizing the Ritual was declared to be subject for Grand Jurisdiction legislation.

An official Receipt for Dues was adopted, which is neat in form, and in addition to being a receipt for dues paid, will be an evidence of good standing in the Order. It will be the only legal receipt recognized by the Supreme Lodge, and hence the importance of every Lodge procuring them as soon as issued. Price, two dollars per hundred.

The Proceedings of the Supreme Lodge, from its origin to and including 1874, were ordered to be printed in one volume, which will be furnished to all who wish at five dollars a copy. Orders for them should be forwarded at once.

A new Installation Service was presented, as was also a new Manual of Drill, both of which it is thought will be more acceptable to the Order than those now in use, and both of which were referred to a committee to report to the Supreme Lodge at the next session.

All Grand Lodges are required to furnish the Supreme Lodge two copies of their reports, which have been or may hereafter be printed.

The next session of the Supreme Lodge is to be held in Philadelphia, on the fourth Tuesday in August, during the centennial

celebration. A committee of thirteen was appointed to make arrangements for a general parade of the Order from all parts of the country during the session.

From the decisions and rulings of the Supreme Chancellor, approved by the Supreme Lodge, we report the following as the most important:

The word "Term," as used in our Order, means in Subordinate Lodges six months, in Grand Lodges one year, and in the Supreme Lodge two years.

No one is eligible to the office of Supreme Representative who is not a Past Grand Chancellor, and such an one may be elected as soon as his successor is installed.

Any member who has served in an elective or appointive office is qualified to be Vice Chancellor.

Any Grand Chancellor who has served a full term shall be entitled to the rank of Past Grand Chancellor.

A Knight, when suspended, shall not be charged with dues, except when required by his Grand Jurisdiction.

The Right to confer the rank of Past Chancellor must be regulated by each Grand Jurisdiction.

The action of the Supreme Officers in contracting for "Jewels" and "Memorial Charts," in accordance with the legislation of the Supreme Lodge, was fully confirmed.

The legislation requiring "the name, number and location" of the Lodge of which a Knight is a member to be engraved upon the Jewel was repealed.

The Collar cannot be worn in public, and is only used as working regalia in the Lodge room.

The "Old Constitution" being repealed, the present law requires the same ballot on an application by card as on an application by initiation.

If a Page is rejected on a ballot for the rank of Esquire, or an Esquire for the rank of Knight, another ballot may be had in one month thereafter.

All the officers of a Subordinate Lodge must be elected by ballot, except the Master-at-Arms, who may be elected or appointed, and the Inner Guard and Outer Guard, who must be appointed.

A Digest of the Laws of the Supreme Lodge was ordered pre-

pared and printed. It is important that every Subordinate Lodge procure a copy as soon as printed.

A committee was appointed to revise the Ritual of the Order, and report at the next session of the Supreme Lodge.

February 19th was established as the Anniversary of the Order.

Fraternally submitted,

In F. C. and B.,

DANIEL E. HOWARD,
J. T. S. LIBBEY,
Supreme Representatives.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT,

SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE ORDER IN NEW HAMPSHIRE,

JULY 1, 1875.

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	No. of Members January Report.	Initiated during the term.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Died.	Total Membership.	Past Grand Chancellors.	Past Chancellors.	Knights.	Esquires.	Pages.	Receipts.	Amount paid for Relief.	Total Expenses.	Amount on hand or Invested.
1	Pioneer.	Newmarket.	Wednesday.	42			1		5		38		10	28			$27.65	$4.00	$44.71	$56.75
2	Swamscott,	Exeter.	Wednesday.	49	1			2	1		47	1	11	35			513.81		423.41	90.40
3	Granite.	Manchester.	Monday.	130	5		2		3	1	133	2	12	115	1	3	384.39	165.00	585.44	430.06
4	Merrimack.	Manchester.	Friday.	113	2	1	1		2	2	113	2	8	101		2	223.56	175.00	336.28	445.83
5	Nashua.	Nashua.	Tuesday.	62	1			1	5	1	57	2	10	44		1	175.73	27.00	198.67	
6	Olive Branch.	Dover.	Wednesday.	102	9	1					112	1	10	96	1	4	958.04	36.00	655.72	752.32
7	Rising Sun.	Rochester.	Thursday.	71	12		16				99		9	90	1	2	370.45	180.00	262.04	378.00
8	Concord.	Concord.	Wednesday.	85	6						91	2	12	68	5	4	427.50	25.00	277.72	437.88
9	Damon.	Portsmouth.	Tuesday.	117	1				3		115	2	11	100		2	196.00		28.25	1,700.00
10	Pawtuckaway	Epping.	Tuesday.	34	3				1		36	1	10	25			97.50		54.00	43.50
11	Harmony.	Farmington.	Wednesday.	80	22						102		8	78	3	13	390.00		121.50	900.00
12	Oriental.	Suncook.	Wednesday.	33	1		1		2		33		9	24			64.00		165.37	266.00
13	Prospect.	Great Falls.	Wednesday.	63	7						70	1	6	60	2	1	249.85		263.97	7.38
14	Myrtle.	Fisherville.	Monday.	26	2				4		27		7	17		3	114.85	36.00	101.27	13.58
15*	Sullivan.	Claremont.	Tuesday.																	
16	Norris.	Pittsfield.	Thursday.	13	2						15		3	10		2	202.53		150.45	52.08
17	Hillsborough.	Hillsboro' Bridge.	Monday.	14	4				1		17		2	15			131.71		79.26	52.45
				1,034	78	2	21	3	27	4	1,105	14	138	906	13	37	$4.527.57	$648.00	$3,748.06	$5,626.23

* No return.

ERRATA.

In the table on page 57, instead of "January, 1874," read "January, 1875."

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

OF

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

AT THE

Sixth Annual Session, February 10, 1876, and the Seventh Annual Session, February 1, 1877.

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SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION.

NASHUA, Feb. 10, 1876, P. P. XII.

The sixth annual session of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, for the jurisdiction of New Hampshire, assembled at Nashua, February 10th, 1876.

By permission of Granite Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F., their hall was occupied during the session.

The following grand officers were present:

ALBERT STORY, Past Grand Chancellor.
FRANK E. ROLLINS, Vice Grand Chancellor.
LORENZO K. PEACOCK, Grand Master of Exchequer.
WM. E. MOORE, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.
GEORGE P. APPLETON, Grand Master-at-Arms.
JOHN W. SAUL, Grand Inner Guard.

The Grand Chancellor, JAMES FRANK SEAVEY, being detained at home by sickness, Grand Vice Chancellor FRANK E. ROLLINS filled the chair.

Grand Prelate O. H. COPELAND being absent, his post was filled by Past Grand Chancellor DANIEL E. HOWARD.

Past Chancellor CHARLES M. LANG, of Concord Lodge No. 8, was appointed Vice Grand Chancellor *pro tem.*

The Grand Outer Guard, J. J. SMITH, of Rochester, having died during the year, his post was filled by the appointment of Past Chancellor S. HILTON, of Pawtuckaway Lodge No. 10, Epping.

The Grand Lodge was opened in "Knightly and Chivalric form," precisely at the hour appointed, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The roll of Lodges was then called and representatives from ten Subordinate Lodges responded, thus showing a constitutional quorum for the transaction of business.

Past Chancellors BLANCHARD and TILTON, of the Committee on Finance, being absent, Past Chancellors LEVI L. ALDRICH and C. O. MOULTON were appointed in their stead.

Past Chancellors GEO. F. SHEDD and FRANK E. BEAN were appointed to fill vacancies in the Committee on Credentials and Returns.

The last named committee then presented the following report:

NASHUA, February 10th, A. D. 1876,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE TWELFTH.

To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

BROTHERS: Your Committee on Credentials, to whom were referred the certificates of Past Chancellors from Subordinate Lodges, submit the following as their report:

We find the certificates of the following Past Chancellors correct and recommend their acceptance by this grand body:

Moses O. Pearson, No. 3.	Albert F. Seavey, No. 6.
John P. Young, Jr., No. 3.	Frank J. Pillsbury, No. 8.
William H. Dixon, No. 4.	Walter C. Doe, No. 7.
Cleaves W. Hopkins, No. 5.	Richard Campbell, No. 12
J. L. Thompson, No. 5.	B. L. Culver, No. 12.

Frederick Newman, No. 17.

No certificate was received from Swamscott Lodge No. 2, but in its place a transcript from the records of the Lodge, showing that James Carlisle was unanimously elected to fill a vacancy caused by the election of a Past Chancellor as Chancellor Commander, and we recommend his acceptance.

Two irregular certificates have been received from Merrimack Lodge No. 4. They show that Kirk C. Bartlett and Edwin B. Cutler were elected to fill vacancies, but do not state how those vacancies were occasioned.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. B.,

CHAS. H. CURTIS,
GEO. F. SHEDD,
FRANK E. BEAN,

Committee on Credentials and Returns.

After some discussion, and upon full explanation in relation to the matter, the certificates of Past Chancellors Carlisle, Dixon and Cutler were accepted, and the report was adopted.

The Grand Lodge Rank was then conferred in due and solemn form upon the Past Chancellors in waiting.

Pending the preparation and submission of the above report some discussion was had relative to fixing the time for hearing the reports of the Grand and Grand Vice Chancellor. The subject was finally disposed of by laying them on the table until the afternoon session.

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was then called for, and upon motion that officer presented his report as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.

NASHUA, February 10th, A. D. 1876,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE TWELFTH.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire.

BROTHERS: In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution governing this grand body, and in the discharge of my official duty, I have the honor to submit the following report, covering the transactions of my office for the past year.

Upon taking possession of the books, papers and other property of the Grand Lodge, the same were removed to Manchester, where they were placed in the committee room attached to the Castle Hall of Granite and Merrimack Lodges, and said property has since remained there, securely kept under lock and key.

The facilities for properly caring for the books, papers, blanks and miscellaneous documents then on hand, and since then constantly accumulating, consisted of one wooden box, fastened with common board nails, and a wooden trunk or chest, secured by one slight lock.

To increase the conveniences for work, and to give additional security, I placed in the committee room a stout chestnut desk, furnished with suitable drawers for storage of blanks, and supplied with locks and keys. The cost of this desk was $25.00, for which no charge has been made to the Grand Lodge.

In this connection I would earnestly recommend that the Grand Lodge authorize the purchase of this or some other suitable desk, and would also suggest the propriety of the purchase of a safe for the more secure keeping of important books and papers.

The Grand Lodge is under obligations to Granite and Merrimack Lodges, for the free use of their committee

room during the past year, and is indebted to them for wood and lights furnished thus far without charge. I would suggest the propriety of a vote of thanks in recognition of their courtesy.

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVE TAX.

The tax of $150.00 due the Supreme Lodge was promptly paid within the time required. I am bound to express the opinion that this tax is too large and too heavy to be borne by this jurisdiction. I would respectfully suggest that our Supreme Representatives be instructed to vote for its reduction to a basis of $100.00 for every one thousand Knights, and *pro rata* for membership in excess. This would leave the Grand Lodge little enough to meet its current expenses with our present revenue.

GRAND LODGE JEWELS.

In accordance with a vote of this grand body, passed at its last annual session, a set of official jewels was procured in March, at a cost of $55.00, to which the cost of lettering was added, making a total of $57.64. These jewels were afterwards returned to the manufacturers, at their own request, to be strengthened, and were again sent out to the several grand officers.

SUBORDINATE LODGE JEWELS.

Early in May a set of fourteen jewels for Granite Lodge No. 3 was ordered, at a cost of $25.00. With the exception of Olive Branch Lodge No. 6, this is the only Subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction using jewels. In comparison with the Grand Lodge jewels I am free to confess they are much more beautiful, and without taking the difference of cost into account, they are decidedly superior both in design and workmanship. I take pleasure in recommending the purchase of jewels to the Subordinate Lodges throughout the jurisdiction.

MEMORIAL CHARTS.

Samples of "Official Memorial Charts, or Patent of Membership," have been purchased by Granite Lodge No. 3, consisting of Knight's, Past Chancellor's and Past Grand Chancellor's Charts, costing in the aggregate $5.25. No other Subordinate Lodges have applied for them. I take pleasure iu recommending their general adoption.

GRAND LODGE SEAL.

The Grand Lodge Seal, sometimes known as the "wet seal," used for printing upon official documents, having been found too large for use upon note and letter-heads and other semi-official stationery, has been reduced in size by what is known as the "photo-lithographic process," at a cost of $5.00. An impression of this seal so reduced may be seen in the last printed volume of Proceedings.

PAST GRAND CHANCELLOR COLLAR.

In pursuance of a vote of the Grand Lodge, a Past Grand Chancellor's collar has been purchased for the use of this grand body, at a cost of $10.00.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS.

The old form for reports having been exhausted, and the recent legislation rendering necessary many changes, new blanks have been printed and furnished the Subordinate Lodges. While the amended forms are not perfect, they are much better than any previously in use, embracing fuller details, being printed upon strong ledger paper, with ample space for entering the items of information required.

MISCELLANEOUS PRINTING.

A comparatively small amount of miscellaneous printing has been rendered necessary during the year. An assortment of small and large official envelopes, letter-heads for Grand and Vice Grand Chancellor, Past Chancellors' Trans-

fer Credentials, blank petitions and bonds, and a few circulars, comprise all there was done under this head.

PRINTING PROCEEDINGS.

Acting under instructions from the Grand Lodge, the proceedings of this grand body, including the special session of October 17th, 1873, and the fourth and fifth annual sessions, have been printed and placed in your hands. As you have each had opportunity to examine this work, I forbear commenting upon it at this time. I will only add that with the assistance of Supreme Chancellor S. S. DAVIS and of Messrs. J. L. DOW and J. M. MALLON, of the Committee on Laws and Supervision, the copy was prepared for the press. To those who never undertook a similar task it will not be easy to comprehend the labor of such an undertaking. If the volume shows any imperfections I trust you will not insist upon bringing them prominently forward, when it is remembered that a very considerable amount of hard work was performed without recompence. Five hundred copies were printed, at an expense of $260. Although the cost was thus considerable, we have the satisfaction of knowing that our "Proceedings" compare favorably with those of any other jurisdiction in the United States.

TRAVELING SHIELDS.

In the early part of the year a few Traveling Shields were called for, the total sales amounting to but $4.00, when the legislation requiring their use was repealed. There are now some nineteen Shields on hand, which can be exchanged for Relief Shields if desired.

No call whatever has been made upon me for Relief Shields during the year, and I am not aware of the existence of any in this jurisdiction.

WITHDRAWAL CARDS.

The Withdrawal Cards on hand having been exhausted,

twenty-five new ones were recently ordered, some of which are now on hand. The sales during the year have amounted to $15.25.

DISPENSATIONS.

The sum of $15.00 has been received during the year for dispensations for various purposes, $9.00 of which were paid by Rising Sun Lodge No. 7, of Rochester.

COPYING.

The sum of four dollars was paid for copying printed proceedings in the manuscript journal, which item is returned subject to your approval.

SUPPLIES.

Under the head of supplies I return in my financial report the sum of $28.00. This was paid by Norris Lodge No. 16, of Pittsfield, being the balance due on paraphernalia.

MONEY ORDERS.

The practice of sending all my remittances, whether in large or small amounts, in post office orders, has been followed during the year. Remittances to me have usually been made in the same manner or by express. In some cases money has been sent through the mails, and although it has reached me safely in every instance, I desire to protest most earnestly against it. In case a money remittance of that kind is lost, there is not only the loss of the funds, but the party to whom it was sent is liable to suspicion. By always sending postal orders there is no room for questioning the honesty of parties to the transaction at either end of the line. I trust the reasons for urging upon all to send no money loose in letters are too apparent to need further emphasis.

OFFICIAL RECEIPTS.

Official receipts for dues have been ordered through me

by every Subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction, the amount expended for them being $46.00. So far as I am able to learn, they meet with general but not entire approval. A few Lodges appear to use them unwillingly, but for no good reason assigned. In this connection I beg leave to say that the Grand Lodge has supplied them during the year not only at first cost, but has paid the postage on remailing them, this item amounting in the aggregate to a considerable sum.

POSTAGE.

The item of postage has cost the Grand Lodge, for this office alone, the sum of $26.38, including expense of money orders. This rather large outlay must be accounted for in three ways: 1st, the increase of correspondence; 2d, the unusual number of circulars and blank reports, and especially the cost of sending out proceedings; 3d, the new law of Congress, which doubled the rates on all second and third-class matter, so that with the exception of strictly letter postage the rates for all other packages through the mails have been exactly double those for any previous year. There is, I am happy to add, a good prospect for the repeal of this obnoxious law at the present session of Congress.

EXCHANGE OF PROCEEDINGS.

The receipt of applications for exchange of Proceedings with those of other jurisdictions is of frequent occurrence, and many such requests have been received and complied with during the year. I have prepared the following list of printed Proceedings, from twenty four grand jurisdictions, as now on file in my office:

Maine, 1874–1875; Massachusetts, 1870 to 1875, inclusive; Rhode Island, 1874; Connecticut, 1873; New York, 1873; New Jersey, 1870, 1871, 1874; Maryland, 1872 to 1875, inclusive; Delaware, 1872, 1873, 1874; Pennsylvania, 1871 to 1874, inclusive; Ohio, 1871

to 1875, inclusive; Indiana, 1871, 1872, 1875; Illinois, 1871, 1872, 1875; Virginia, 1871 to 1873, inclusive; West Virginia, 1872, 1874, 1875; North Carolina, 1872, 1873; Michigan, 1873; Wisconsin, 1872 to 1874, inclusive; Iowa, 1872, 1874 and 1875; Kentucky, 1861, 1873; Missouri, 1871, 1872; Kansas, 1872, 1873; Nebraska, 1869 to 1874, inclusive; Nevada, 1874; California, 1871.

I would respectfully suggest that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal for the ensuing year be authorized to correspond with the above and with other grand jurisdictions, for the purpose of completing the files of their respective Proceedings. I would also suggest the propriety of the appointment of a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, whose duty it shall be to examine and report to this grand body annually such matters of interest as may be found in the transactions of our sister grand jurisdictions. Such a report, made with suitable care, could not fail to be valuable, would form a worthy contribution to the literature of our Order, and find a place in our records second in importance to none.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.

During the year just closed I have received nearly two hundred letters, requiring from one to seventeen replies each, besides sending out two hundred and fifty-five notices of rejection and suspension. In addition to the above there has been the usual demand for blanks of various sorts, while a large number of circulars have been transmitted through my office to the several Subordinate Lodges and to the grand officers.

REPORT OF SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

The report of the Supreme Representatives was not received from them until July 1st, 1875, and was printed and promulgated as soon thereafter as possible.

SUSPENDED LODGES.

Two Subordinate Lodges have surrendered their Charters

during the past year, viz: Sullivan No. 15, of Claremont, and Norris No. 16, of Pittsfield. In reference to No. 15, you are referred to the report of Vice Grand Chancellor ROLLINS. I am bound to add, however, that I did my best to open up a correspondence with this Lodge, but without success, as I received no answers to any of my letters. I still continued to write to them and sent them the usual notices, until I was officially informed that the Lodge was suspended. The only business I succeeded in transacting was to send them six blank Withdrawal Cards, upon the application of their last Keeper of Records and Seal, under date of February 24th, 1875. The charge of $3.00 still stands as an unsettled account upon the books of the Grand Lodge.

On the 18th of January, 1876, I received from Acting Grand Chancellor ROLLINS a letter, directing me to proceed to Pittsfield and receive the charter and other property of Norris Lodge No. 16. A letter was enclosed from the Chancellor Commander of that Lodge, in which a request was formally made that such action be taken. Under the above instructions I proceeded to Pittsfield, on Monday, January 24th, that being their stated meeting night. I was cordially received, and found upon entering the Lodge six brothers only present. The Lodge was opened in form, and after a full and free expression of opinion on the part of those present, and with an apparently impartial recital of all the facts before me, I was convinced that it was their duty to surrender their charter. This was very handsomely done by the retiring Chancellor Commander, E. K. WEBSTER, who also placed in my hands the gavel. The paraphernalia furnished by the Grand Lodge was then turned over to my care, my official receipt given therefor, and the property is now at Manchester, subject to the orders of this grand body.

I am happy to add that the six faithful brothers of Norris Lodge paid at once $2.00 each, for Withdrawal Cards from the Grand Lodge, which have been supplied them. By this

action they give evidence of their continued interest and confidence in the Order, and a hopeful promise of the reinstatement of the Lodge at no distant day. I sincerely hope and believe that this will be done.

DEATH IN THE GRAND LODGE.

It becomes my duty to announce that the unseen angel of death has entered our Lodge since the last assembly, and removed from our companionship Brother J. J. SMITH, of Rising Sun Lodge No. 7, Rochester, our well-beloved Outer Guard. I received intelligence of his death on Jan. 21st, announcing his funeral for the following Monday, January 23d. The time was therefore too short to allow of any notification being given the members or officers of the Grand Lodge. I would suggest that suitable resolutions in respect to his memory be adopted.

DEDICATION CEREMONIES.

Two new Castle Halls have been handsomely fitted up and consecrated to Pythian uses during the past year.

Harmony Lodge No. 11, of Farmington, having extended an invitation to the grand officers to dedicate their new and elegant hall, I visited them January 11th, in company with other grand officers. On that occasion we were very handsomely received and entertained by the Knights of Farmington. In the evening public dedicatory services were held, and officers for the current term were publicly installed. An address was delivered by Supreme Chancellor S. S. DAVIS, and interesting remarks made by members of the Order and others. Nearly or quite four hundred people were present, embracing the very best men and women of the place, including among them many representatives of the Masonic fraternity and Odd Fellows, between whom and the Knights the most cordial good feeling prevails.

The members of Harmony Lodge, to the number of forty, were in full uniform, and made a splendid appearance. The

exercises of the evening were of an exceedingly interesting character, and terminated with a hot oyster supper, to which the invited guests did ample justice. Too much praise cannot be accorded to our friends in Farmington for their enterprise and spirit, and No. 11 is now entitled to rank fairly foremost among the more active Lodges in the State.

On Monday, Jan. 31st, I visited the brothers of Damon Lodge No. 9, of Portsmouth, upon their invitation. This Lodge has also fitted up a new hall, in point of elegance and taste not excelled if equalled by any Castle Hall in the State. On this occasion, as at Farmington, the ceremonies of dedication were publicly observed in the evening, witnessed by a large company of invited guests. The exercises were very impressive, and an appropriate address, delivered by Knight CHARLES W. GARDNER, was listened to with marked attention. From the hall the guests were escorted to a superb banquet in another and larger hall, where was found spread one of the most bountiful of repasts. The festivities culminated in a grand impromptu ball, in which the Knights and their ladies joined with hearty good will. Ample accommodations had been provided at the Rockingham House for the grand officers, and everything was done to make their visit an agreeable one. The brothers of Damon Lodge deserve handsome recognition for their courtesy, and for one I beg leave to assure them that their generous and thoughtful hospitality is fully appreciated.

OFFICIAL CIRCULARS.

During the year a large number of official circulars have been received, copies of most of which have been transmitted to the Subordinate Lodges. Owing to the great length of these documents I forbear reading them in detail. They will be placed on file, and their character will be sufficiently indicated by the following synopsis of contents:

A–1. This is dated February 8th, 1875, and relates to official

jewels for Supreme, Grand and Subordinate Lodges, Past Officers and Knights, also to Memorial Charts.

A–2. Official circular from J. Dowdall, Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, relating to jewels, charts, returns, Supreme Representative tax and Supreme Lodge debt.

A–3. Circular containing resolutions of Grand Lodge of Kentucky, relative to abolishing Traveling Shields, &c.

A–4. Circular relative to repeal of legislation requiring "shield word," and in reference to official receipts, supplies, &c.

A–5. Circular from Grand Lodge of Illinois.

A–6. Circular from Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, relating to Centennial Parade.

A–7. Circular from Supreme Chancellor S. S. Davis.

A–8. Circular from Grand Lodge of Iowa.

A–9. Circular from Supreme Centennial Committee.

A–10. Circular from Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, in reference to Centennial.

A–11. Circular from Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, accompanying new form of installation, and in relation to other matters.

TRANSPORTATION.

By direction of Acting Grand Chancellor Rollins, I corresponded with the officers of the Concord Railroad, in relation to securing reduced rates for members attending this present session, and received a favorable reply from the general ticket agent of the road. I suggest the propriety of a vote of thanks, in recognition of this courtesy.

OFFICIAL RELATIONS.

Before closing my already lengthy report, I wish to place on record the sense of obligation I feel to one and all of my associate grand officers, with whom my relations have been of the most friendly and pleasant nature. I can wish for my successor in office no kinder treatment than has been accorded me, and I desire to return my heartfelt thanks for the prompt assistance and evident good will of those with whom I have had official relations.

I desire also in this place to render my tribute to the zeal, ability and general efficiency, which have characterized and distinguished the official action of our illustrious Supreme Chancellor, STILMAN S. DAVIS, and to his no less able and thoroughly competent lieutenant, JOSEPH DOWDALL, the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal. In the course of my official intercourse with these officers I have learned to appreciate the energy and promptness which they have ever shown in the discharge of their very arduous and responsible duties, and I most cheerfully join in giving honor where honor is due.

NEW INSTALLATION BOOKS.

I have received from the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal six copies of a new form for installation ceremonies, which are herewith submitted for examination and approval, if found to meet your favor.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER.

Under this head I give a brief statement, showing the growth of our Order in this jurisdiction during the past year.

As appears by the last report made to the Supreme Lodge, we had seventeen Subordinate Lodges, with an aggregate membership of 1033. The following figures are obtained by consolidating the reports:

Total receipts of Subordinate Lodges for the year,	$6,381 46
" expenditures for the same period,	4,924 11
" amount on hand, January 1st, 1875,	3,984 41
" " paid for relief,	1,356 64
Total receipts of the Grand Lodge,	$1,501 14
" expenditures,	1,126 69
" amount on hand,	374 24

We have now fifteen Subordinate Lodges, with an aggre-

gate membership of 1097, losing two Lodges during the year, and making a gain of 64 members. The following figures are derived from the official reports:

Total receipts of Subordinate Lodges, January 1, 1876,	$4,510 86
Loss as compared with previous year,	1,870 60
Total expenditures,	6,578 98
Increase over previous year,	1,654 87
Amount on hand,	5,829 13
Increase over previous year,	1,844 72
Amount expended for relief during the year,	1,543 00
Increase over previous year,	186 36

With the above results before us, we have abundant reason to feel encouraged, so far as our Subordinate Lodges are concerned. The receipts of this grand body show a decrease of $282.05, as compared with the previous year, and at the same time the expense account has increased. For further information you are referred to the report of the Grand Master of Exchequer.

FINANCES.

Under this caption I beg leave to submit the following report, giving a classified statement in detail of the several items of receipts and expenditures of my office for the past year:

RECEIPTS.

From Official Receipt Books, at cost,	$46 00	
" Jewels and Charts,	30 25	
" Withdrawal Cards,	15 25	
" Dispensations,	15 00	
" Supplies,	23 00	
" Traveling Shields,	4 00	
" Ode Books,	1 25	
" Grand Master of Exchequer, cash,	573 09	
" Per capita tax,	527 75	
Total receipts,		$1,240 59

DISBURSEMENTS.

Postage and post office money orders,	$26 38	
Expressage,	5 85	
Stationery,	4 42	
Miscellaneous printing,	39 50	
Printing Journal for 1874 and 1875,	260 00	
Grand Lodge Jewels,	57 64	
Supreme Representative tax,	150 00	
Grand Lodge Seal,	5 00	
Past Grand Chancellor's collar,	10 00	
Copying,	4 00	
Dedication Ceremonies, five copies,	5 00	
Withdrawal Cards,	6 25	
Traveling expenses,	3 00	
Salary of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal,	25 00	
Jewels and Charts,	30 25	
Official Receipts,	46 00	
Ode Books,	1 25	
Cash paid Grand Master of Exchequer,	512 75	
Total,	1,240 59	
By cash to balance,	48 35	
		$1,240 59

The above account includes every item of receipts and disbursements, as shown upon the books, up to February 9, at which date the account was balanced and closed. A few dollars only remain in my hands, to be carried to a new account or to be paid my successor. I have vouchers to the amount of $849.60, which are herewith submitted.

CONCLUSION.

In closing my labors for the year, I may be pardoned if I suggest that the duties of the office are far from light. The demands made upon my time have been heavy, and the amount of business requiring care and diligence in its performance is such as to lead no one to seek the office as a sinecure.

I have, however, performed my duties cheerfully and to the best of my ability, and I have now only to hope for and await the approval of this grand body.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. E. MOORE.

G. K. of R. and S.

The above report was referred to the Committee on Finance, so far as it related to financial affairs, and the remainder to the Committee on Laws and Supervision.

The report of the Grand Master of Exchequer was then called for and read, as follows:

NASHUA, February 1, A. D. 1876,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE TWELFTH.

To the Officers and Past Chancellors of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

The Grand Master of Exchequer would ask leave to present the following report:

1875.		
Feb. 11, cash from L. B. MOULTON, G. M. of E..	$374 24	
July 8, " " W. E. MOORE, G. K. R. S.,	37 75	
" 17, " " " " "	50 00	
" 22, " " " " "	50 00	
" 30, " " " " "	50 00	
Aug. 3, " " " " "	50 00	
1875.		
Jan. 13, cash from W. E. MOORE, G. K. R. S.,	175 00	
Feb. 8, " " " " "	50 00	
" 10, " " " " "	48 35	
Total Receipts,		$935 34

Which is accounted for as follows:

1875.		
Feb. 11, Paid ALBERT STORY, G. C., bill,	68 20	
" 11, " Moore & Peasley's bill, printing,	10 17	
Carried forward,		78 37

Brought forward,		78 37	
Feb. 18,	Paid Supreme Representative tax,	150 00	
" 18,	" on money orders,	75	
Mar. 16,	" F. E. Rollins's bill,	6 15	
" 20,	" Moore & Peasley's bill, printing,	2 50	
" 20,	" W. E. Moore's bill, printing,	11 21	
April 5,	" for Grand Lodge Jewels,	55 00	
" 5,	" on money orders,	30	
May 3,	" W. E. Moore's bill, printing,	27 74	
" 3,	" on money order,	15	
July 9,	" W. E. Moore's bill, salary, &c.,	37 70	
" 9,	" " " printing,	12 50	
" 29,	" on account printing Proceedings,	100 00	
Aug. 5,	" " " "	100 00	
Sept. 9,	" " " "	60 00	
	1876.		
Jan. 13,	Paid W. E. Moore's bill, printing, &c.,	46 60	
Feb. 4,	" for postage, money orders, &c.,	1 96	
Total expenditures,		691 02	
" receipts,		935 34	
Balance in hand, Feb. 10, 1876,			$244 32

Respectfully submitted,
LORENZO K. PEACOCK,
G. M. of E.

At the conclusion of the reading of the above report it was referred to the Committee on Finance.

No other business being in readiness, the Grand Lodge took a recess until two o'clock P. M., for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge assembled for work, at precisely the hour appointed, and was called to order by Vice Grand Chancellor ROLLINS.

The report of Grand Chancellor JAMES FRANK SEAVEY was then presented and read, by Past Grand Chancellor J. T. S. LIBBEY, as the continued illness of Grand Chancellor SEAVEY would not allow him to be present in person. The report was as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHANCELLOR.

NASHUA, February 10th, A. D. 1876,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE TWELFTH.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire.

BROTHERS: The circumstances under which I appear before you are truly embarrassing, and it would not be attempted at all, but for the fraternal sympathy and knightly charity which are constantly welling up in the hearts of every member of this grand body, and which is largely shared by every member of the Order they represent.

On taking this chair I had fully determined, in return for the honor you had kindly conferred, to devote much time and what ability I might possess to the interests and advancement of our noble Order in this State. But prostrating sickness came all unexpectedly, and for many months I was unable to attend to the business of the Grand Lodge, or even to business of any kind. Nevertheless, being naturally strong, I was in hopes to soon regain my health and strength, and be able to assume the duties of this position.

But, about the middle of August, I found it necessary to call to my aid the able services of our Vice Grand Chancellor, who has rendered important assistance, who has visited all the Lodges in this jurisdiction, and who will submit his report as an appendix to my own. And right here and now I would take occasion to tender him my most sincere thanks for the willingness, fidelity and ability, with which he has performed the important trusts committed to him.

Upon my becoming convinced of my inability to perform all the duties of the office, I at once determined to resign. This fact coming to the knowledge of friends in different parts of the jurisdiction, I was advised, both by communication and by friends who called upon me, not to do so, as it would necessitate the trouble and expense of a special session of the Grand Lodge, and I reluctantly consented to continue in office during the term.

My official acts have been few, not of great importance, and are as follows:

PERMISSION GRANTED.

To Oriental Lodge No. 12, of Suncook, to wear their uniform on an excursion to Boston, June 17th, 1875.

DISPENSATIONS.

Dispensations have been granted to Concord Lodge No. 8, to confer rank upon a person over fifty years of age. Also to Olive Branch Lodge No. 6, to confer second and third rank upon a candidate at the same session.

DECISIONS.

Communications have been received from several Lodges, asking my decision upon points where opinions differed. Many of these could be answered by existing law. The following have been answered according to the best information I could obtain:

The office of the Past Chancellor becoming vacant by the

suspension of the officer that filled it, and there being no Past Chancellor to fill the chair, it being a new Lodge, I decided that the Vice Chancellor could be elected to the office of Past Chancellor, in accordance with a resolution of this grand body at its last session, (page 79 Grand Lodge Proceedings, 1875,) and I request you to confirm his rank as a Past Chancellor.

Can a Lodge assess its members, to pay the expenses of an excursion, and collect the same, or suspend the members for non-payment thereof?

No!

How should the ballot be taken in the trial of members for suspension?

By ball ballot.

Can an officer leave his station and go around the room, without permission of the Chancellor Commander?

No!

Should the Outer Guard be permitted to enter the Lodge room, after the Lodge is open, without addressing the Chancellor Commander, or should he remain in the anteroom during the session?

He may enter the Lodge room without giving the sign, first properly securing his door, and occupying a position convenient thereto.

Can the Chancellor Commander communicate the semi-annual password to Brothers presenting an official receipt for dues, paid in advance?

Chancellor Commanders, or Acting Chancellor Commanders, can communicate the semi-annual password only to members of their own Lodges, except upon an order from the Chancellor Commander of the Lodge to which the applicant belongs, under seal of his Lodge, and attested by the Keeper of Records and Seal.

Can a Lodge give a Brother the benefit of a ballot, who has been rejected in that Lodge, and then presents a Withdrawal Card from a Lodge in Massachusetts, where he was

admitted and had received the several ranks, while yet a resident of this State, he not understanding the law, and he being deemed worthy to receive the benefits of our Order and to be acknowledged as a Brother?

Under the circumstances he should have the benefit of a ballot.

Brother A. W. JASPER and other Knights, residing at Newport, N. H., ask the loan of the paraphernalia of Sullivan Lodge No. 14, of Claremont, now defunct, to be used in starting a Lodge at Newport. He writes that the prospects for a good Lodge there are encouraging, and I would recommend that the request be granted.

And now, thanking you for all the kindness and sympathy shown during my peculiar affliction, I will introduce our worthy Vice Grand Chancellor, who will give you detailed reports of the general state of the Order in this grand jurisdiction.

Fraternally yours,
In F. C. and B.,
JAMES F. SEAVEY,
Grand Chancellor.

At the conclusion of the reading of the above report, the Vice Grand Chancellor, FRANK E. ROLLINS, presented his report, as follows:

NASHUA, N. H., February 10th, 1876,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE TWELFTH.

To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

OFFICERS AND BROTHERS: When assembled last year in our annual convention, I little thought it would be my duty to report to you the condition of the Order in this jurisdiction at the present time, and our prospects for the future, also to lay before you the work as performed by me, while acting in the capacity of Grand Chancellor.

I hope that my labors will meet with your approval. Remember, "to err is human, to forgive divine." And, believe me, that with the one guiding star, "the good of our Order," before me, all my official acts have been governed.

In August last I learned of the illness of our Grand Chancellor, Brother JAMES F. SEAVEY, and on visiting him found that he was suffering from the effects of a partial sunstroke, which rendered him unable to perform any business, private or otherwise. He informed me that I must assume a large share of the work which the office of Grand Chancellor required, as it would be impossible for him to do so. Acting under his instructions, I have done what I could to advance the interests of the Order throughout this jurisdiction. How well I have done this I leave for you to decide.

I herewith present the condition of the Lodges, as I found them on my official visits:

PIONEER LODGE.

To this Lodge belongs the honor of unfurling the Pythian banner in this State, and they have labored faithfully to uphold its principles and increase their membership with men of character. They have had many dark days, but through them all they have shown themselves to be men of courage and undaunted spirit. They are hopeful for the future, and alive to all the interests of the Order. I met with them on December 10th, and found a good representation present. They have had no work for the past term, but have reinstated two of their old members.

SWAMSCOTT LODGE.

With this Lodge I have labored hard from its formation, doing what I could with the other brothers to promulgate the great principles of our Order. Our membership consists of about fifty Knights, who are united and harmonious. The meetings are well attended, and the brothers take a great interest in all that pertains to the Order. We have a

very fine hall, which is being furnished in a neat and appropriate manner. We have had sickness in our Lodge for the past four months, which has been attended to promptly, the brothers doing all in their power for the relief of their distressed companions. They have added two good men to their roll since January 1st, 1876, and the prospects for the future are bright. I visited this Lodge officially, January 24th. They have a good set of officers, who will labor for the interest of the Order and the welfare of the Lodge. District Deputy Grand Chancellor T. B. HOYT has been confined to his room for some three months, and is unable to render any report.

GRANITE LODGE.

I was unable to meet this Lodge at their regular session. I called a special session, which they were unable to hold, their hall being in use. I then requested District Deputy Grand Chancellor C. W. TEMPLE to meet me at my room at the hotel, with the officers of Granite Lodge, which he did. It is useless for me to say much of this Lodge. You all know that it has always ranked among the first in the State. It still maintains its former reputation, and is a great credit to us. They have paid out a large amount for benefits during the past year, promulgating to the outer world one of our greatest principles, charity. I have no fear for the officers of this Lodge. They are evidently men fully qualified to execute the work promptly, correctly, and in a manner which will reflect credit upon themselves and the Order.

MERRIMACK LODGE.

I visited this Lodge on November 5th, and found a good representation present. They had no work, but from what I saw I think they have a good set of officers, who are very prompt, and fully conversant with the work of the Order. What has been said of Granite Lodge can also be said of this. They are sharp and business-like in their transactions

with this Grand Lodge. In membership and finances they are very strong. District Deputy Grand Chancellor TEMPLE wrote me, under date of January 16th, as follows: "I installed the officers of Merrimack Lodge on January 7th. We are in a prosperous condition financially, but have not done much work this winter so far. We have one candidate now, and hope to have more soon."

NASHUA LODGE.

I found this Lodge very pleasantly located, in a new hall, which they occupied for the first time the evening I was with them. This Lodge is composed of a good class of men, many of them occupying places of trust in the manufacturing establishments of the place. I had the pleasure of installing their officers for the present term, and consider them a fine set of men, being personally acquainted with three of them. This Lodge is honored, more than any one in the jurisdiction, by being the home of the Supreme Chancellor, Brother S. S. DAVIS. He is, of course, a great help to them, with his wisdom and counsel. To-day we meet with them and enjoy their hospitality.

OLIVE BRANCH LODGE.

I visited this Lodge on January 14th, and found a good attendance present. They have a very fine Lodge room, as many of you know, we having met there last year, furnished with everything neat and in strict conformity to the work of the Order, reflecting great credit upon the Lodge. They have added several knights to their roll during the past year, and you can rest assured that they are men who will do us credit. The evening of my visit, at the request of the Chancellor Commander and brethren, I worked the second and third rank upon two Pages, who were young men of good standing in the city. I instructed the Lodge in the unwritten work, and also informed them of the state of the Order throughout the jurisdiction. This Lodge is the home

of our present Grand Chancellor, Brother J. F. SEAVEY, who is beloved by all. He is a hard worker here, as well as in this grand body, and, had his health permitted, you would have seen the result of his labors in behalf of his Grand Lodge. This Lodge is a great credit to us, it has a large membership, and is composed of some of the best men in the city. They are strong in finances, having some $800 invested. I would say to these brothers, "Go on, you are doing a work that will live years after you have passed away."

RISING SUN LODGE.

Too much credit cannot be given the brothers of this Lodge for their heroism, perseverance and self-sacrifice, in so bravely upholding the Pythian banner, and resisting all attempts at its downfall. They have passed through many trials, including fire and financial trouble, but have come forth strong and united, with a membership of one hundred and thirteen Knights. I visited them on January 13th, and was cordially received. They worked the second rank upon a Page, and and also worked the first, second and third ranks upon an applicant. This was done in a manner reflecting great credit upon their officers, and especially their Chancellor Commander, who is a man of ability and has had large experience in a similar Order. I exemplified the unwritten work to them, and passed a very pleasant evening in their company. I would say that this Lodge has paid out for benefits during the past year some $240. I regret to state that while I was at this place I learned that our Grand Outer Guard, Brother J. J. SMITH, was very sick and unable to receive visitors, which deprived me of seeing him. I hope ere this he is much improved, for he is a brother we can ill afford to lose.

CONCORD LODGE.

In response to a kind invitation, I visited this Lodge No.

vember 17th, and was cordially received by the brothers. This is one of the best Lodges in our State, and its reputation is so firmly established that I need say but little. Its membership is composed of men of influence and high social position and standing in Concord, and we are justly proud of them. The evening of my visit I worked the first rank upon a candidate, whom I should judge will make a worthy member. They have done more or less work for the past year. District Deputy Grand Chancellor CHAS. M. LANG writes me, under date of January 12th, 1876, as follows: "We are in a flourishing condition. We have within the past year remodelled our hall, and have furnished it in a tasteful manner, with new carpet, gas fixtures, &c., and it is now pleasant and convenient. In connection with our hall we have a banquet room, cook room, and three ante-rooms." Their castle hall reflects great credit upon the Lodge, and is an honor to the Order. I would thank the brothers for the courtesies extended to me while I was with them. To our District Deputy Grand Chancellor, Brother LANG, I would return thanks for his attentions, and for the prompt manner in which he has performed his duties.

DAMON LODGE.

In response to an invitation from this Lodge, and assisted by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Brother WILLIAM E. MOORE, and a full corps of deputized grand officers, I dedicated their new castle hall, January 31st. I can assure you, brothers, it is in every sense an ornament to the city, a credit to the Order, and a fitting illustration of the prosperity of the Lodge, and the energy and perseverance of its members. The canopies over the chairs of their officers are elegant and tasteful, surpassing anything of the kind in the State. In connection with their Lodge room they have a very fine committee room, fronting the square, which commands a beautiful view of the business portion of the city. Their ante-rooms harmonize with the Lodge room

and are a credit to them. On February 1st I visited this Lodge officially, and found a good number of the brothers present. They are adding to their membership at almost every meeting. The evening I was with them they had two applications, and the prospects for them are very encouraging. They now number one hundred and thirty Knights. This Lodge can certainly claim the banner in the matter of finance, having the past year added to their funds about $1200.00—which is the largest amount contained in any one Lodge treasury in this jurisdiction. I would here return my thanks to the brothers of this Lodge, for the courtesies extended to me while I was with them, and I can but hope that the success which they are now enjoying will be extended to them in the coming years of their usefulness.

PAWTUCKAWAY LODGE.

I met with this Lodge on January 35th, and although the night was stormy, and some of the brothers were out of town, there was a good representation present. They are united and harmonious. Three Knights have been added to their roll the past year. The hall which they occupy is small, but pleasant, and it is their object to add to the furniture as rapidly as their means will permit. They have $150.00 on hand, and are free from debt. To District Deputy Grand Chancellor FRANK E. BEAN should be given much credit, for the faithful manner in which he has labored for the benefit of this Lodge.

HARMONY LODGE.

At the request of the members of this Lodge, and assisted by our Supreme Chancellor, S. S. DAVIS, and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, W. E. MOORE, and Grand-Master-at-Arms, GEORGE P. APPLETON, I dedicated their hall to Pythian uses, on Tuesday evening, January 11th, and I can assure you, brothers, it is one of the finest rooms in the State. Everything has been done to make it attractive to

the eye and comfortable for the brothers. It would be useless to describe it, and I have not the time or space. If you would like to know how it is furnished, just go to Farmington on any Tuesday evening and the brothers will take pleasure in exhibiting it to you. I would just say that, besides the fine Lodge room, they have a commodious banquet room, a cook room with water privilege, stove, and crockery enough to meet all emergencies, also two good ante-rooms. I could not meet this Lodge in secret session, but from what I saw and learned I think they have some noble material in their membership. Among them is their Prelate, Rev. A. H. ADAMS, who is a credit to any Order. They have some $700.00 invested and are clear of debt. I consider it a smart, prosperous and strong Lodge, capable of doing much to honor our Order.

ORIENTAL LODGE.

I visited this Lodge on November 3d, and found them very pleasantly located, meeting in the same hall with the I. O. O. F. They are interested in all that pertains to the Order, and have a good set of officers. They had no work on the night of my visit, but I have no doubt they could render the work in a correct manner. Their membership is not large, but they are men who are alive to all the interests of the Order. They are prompt, energetic, and know no such word as fail. I shall ever remember their kindness to me. Much of the success of this Lodge is due to the labors of our worthy Grand Master-at-Arms, Brother GEORGE P. APPLETON, who has spared neither time nor labor to perfect himself in the written and unwritten work of the Order, and has given his experience to the Lodge. I would return my thanks to District Deputy Grand Chancellor BARTLETT, for his kind attentions to me while on my official visit.

PROSPECT LODGE.

This Lodge is composed of as good material as any in the

State. They are prosperous, and doing more or less work all the time. I met with them on January 12th, and though their room is small, it is very neat and comfortable. At the request of the District Deputy I installed their officers, who are evidently men of character, and who will do their work promptly and in a manner highly satisfactory. At the solicitation of the Chancellor Commander I worked the third rank, gave them instructions in the secret work, and such items of news as I had in regard to the Order throughout the State. They have a membership of eighty Knights and are in good financial condition. I passed a very pleasant evening with them. I would thank Brother FREEMAN for his kindness and knightly courtesy extended to me while I was with them.

MYRTLE LODGE.

I visited this Lodge on November 4th and was much pleased with what I saw. They have a small but neatly furnished Lodge room. Their work is done promptly, correctly, and reflects great credit upon their officers. I was obliged to call a special meeting of this Lodge, which was responded to in a willing manner. District Deputy Grand Chancellor D. W. FOX writes me, under date of January 4th, as follows: "I installed the officers of Myrtle Lodge January 3d. Our Lodge has not grown in numbers during the past term, as we would have liked, but I think there is a good degree of interest manifested by the brothers. We number twenty-seven and have an average attendance of fourteen.

SULLIVAN LODGE.

I am sorry to be obliged to inform you that this Lodge is dead. It is useless for me to go into minute details of how it came about. Suffice it to say that this is the fact. On the 18th of August last I received from Brother LIBBEY, of Dover, a letter containing one which had been sent to Grand

Chancellor SEAVEY, to the import that a brother of Sullivan Lodge, living in Lowell, Massachusetts, and learning that his Lodge was dead, had written for the semi-annual password. On the receipt of this letter I immediately started for Claremont, to establish the facts in the case. Stopping at Manchester I found, in consultation with our Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, that this Lodge had made no report for the term ending July 1st. On my arrival at Claremont, I went to the residence of the last Chancellor Commander, Brother OTIS F. R. WAIT, who received me cordially, and was much interested in regard to the Lodge. I am sorry to say that I found things in a very disordered state. The Lodge had held no meetings since last March, at which time a committee was appointed to take charge of the Lodge affairs, collect what was due it, and pay its indebtedness; District Deputy Grand Chancellor ELIAS HURD was chairman of that committee. After a long talk with Brothers HURD and WAIT, I learned the full history of the Lodge, the causes of its failure, and its prospects for the future. Seeing that there was no prospect of saving the Lodge, I requested Brother HURD to take the charter, rituals and secret work, and hold them subject to the orders of the Grand Lodge. We then, Brothers HURD, WAIT and myself, reviewed the situation, and consulted as to the prospects for forming a new Lodge. After a careful examination of the roster, it was found that there were but eight of the old members who would be a credit to the Order, or who would be of any assistance in forming a new Lodge. The brothers informed me that they thought there would be no trouble in adding to these a sufficient number of good men who would be willing to form a Lodge that would be a credit to the Order. Having arranged all matters satisfactorily, I told them I would on my return home forward to them a blank petition, which was done. Since that time, the 21st day of August, I have had but one letter from there, and that was from Brother WAIT, in answer to one I wrote

inquiring how they were progressing. He wrote: "Brother HURD has the matter in charge, and I cannot tell how things are going." I immediately wrote to Brother HURD, and have since sent him five letters, with no response. I leave this matter in your hands, for you to take some decided action.

NORRIS LODGE.

In response to a request of mine, this Lodge held a special meeting on November 2d. The attendance was small, which they informed me had been the case for some time past. Their Lodge room is the model of neatness and comfort. It is furnished with a new carpet, pedestals and altar, with chairs, and all that could be desired to make the room pleasant for the members. The brothers that I met seemed to be interested in the work of the Order, and willing to do all in their power for the welfare of the Lodge. There are evidently influences both within and without the Lodge which are doing it great injury. I gave them all the encouragement I could, and assured them of the willingness of this Grand Lodge to render them any assistance in their power. On January 14th, 1876, I received a letter from the Chancellor Commander, Brother E. K. WEBSTER, who wished me to come to Pittsfield as soon as possible, and receive from Norris Lodge No. 16 its charter and secret work. Being unable to visit them, I requested our Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Brother MOORE, to go to Pittsfield and, if possible, to start them onward; but, if unable to do so, to receive their charter, &c., and report to me in writing on his return. The following is his report:

MANCHESTER, January 27th, 1876,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE TWELFTH.

To Frank E. Rollins, Grand Vice Chancellor.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: In obedience to your instructions, I proceeded to Pittsfield in this State, and received from the Chan-

cellor Commander of Norris Lodge No. 16 the charter of said Lodge, together with the books, papers, paraphernalia, and other property and effects furnished them by the Grand Lodge, and the same are now in my keeping, subject to the order of this grand body. Said charter was surrendered Monday, Jan. 24, 1876.

Fraternally yours,
In F. C. and B.,
W. E. MOORE,
G. K. of R. and S.

I am truly sorry that this Lodge was obliged to surrender its charter, but from what I saw on my official visit I was afraid that it could live but a short time. I will say that six of the brothers have taken Withdrawal Cards, and will unite with some of the other Lodges in the State.

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE.

I visited this Lodge on November 1st, and found them pleasantly located. There was a good attendance present, and they were hopeful for the future. Although starting with a small membership, they have not missed a meeting, and have now seventeen Knights on the rolls. They have a small hall, which they have newly furnished. This is the youngest Lodge in the State, and is composed of good material. Its members are united, and will labor for the interest of the Lodge with time and money. District Deputy Grand Chancellor C. W. PERRY writes me, under date of January 9th, as follows: "I installed the officers of Hillsborough Lodge on Monday night. They are men who will work for the good of the Order. I think the prospect has looked dark in the past, but is much more encouraging now."

THE CENTENNIAL.

This matter is one which is filling the whole American mind. The great and glorious event of the coming summer

is one in which we, as Americans, should take great pride, and aid by every means in our power, that it may be a perfect success. We are now enjoying the centennial anniversary of the independence of the United States of America, and are blest with prosperity, peace, and civil and religious liberty. It is the desire of the people that our own productions should be fully represented. What nobler production can America boast of than the Order of the Knights of Pythias? While there will be older orders represented, they cannot like us claim American birth. We were born on the free soil of the best country the sun ever shone upon, and in the capitol city of the nation. We are Americans and are proud to be called such. It is therefore our duty, and I hope it will be our pleasure, to join with our brother Knights of Pennsylvania, and do all in our power to make the "Pythian Parade," that is to take place on the fourth Tuesday in August, a complete success and a great credit to the Order. It would afford me great pleasure to see a battalion of Knights, fully uniformed, go from New Hampshire, for I know that we should be proud of them. I hope that some action will be taken by this Grand Lodge upon the matter at this session.

DECISIONS.

I have received but few letters which called for any decision of mine. The questions asked all came under the written law and were answered accordingly.

NEW LODGES.

No new Lodges have been instituted during the past year. The illness of our Grand Chancellor retarded somewhat the formation of any Lodges. Had he been in his accustomed health he would no doubt have had some new ones in working order before this. I think that within the coming year we may have our roll increased, and with such material as will be an honor to us.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

During the time that I have occupied my position as Acting Grand Chancellor, I have received nothing but uniform kindness from all with whom I have had dealings, and I would here return them one and all my heartfelt thanks for the many attentions they have extended to me.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

In visiting the various Lodges I find a general dissatisfaction with Section 3, Article 8, of the Constitution, which relates to the suspension of a member for non-payment of dues. It is evidently the desire of the Lodges that when a member is suspended for non-payment of dues, that they can debar him entrance to the Lodge should they so desire. I would therefore recommend that Section 3, Article 8, of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, be amended, so as to read as follows:

"Any member suspended for non-payment of dues may be reinstated by being re-proposed and receiving a two-thirds vote of all members voting."

This is a subject which has called forth a variety of opinions, and still it is not now in proper shape to satisfy the members of the Lodges generally. I hope you will give this your careful consideration.

As the secret work of the Order is now in perfect condition, and is promulgated in so simple a form that all can easily comprehend it, I would recommend that the Acroatic Agendas now in this jurisdiction be destroyed, as they are of no service and are utterly useless.

This Grand Lodge has now two complete paraphernalias, which have been surrendered by Lodges Nos. 15 and 16. I would therefore recommend that one set be used by the Grand Lodge in instituting new Lodges, and that the new Lodges have the benefit of its use for the first four weeks of

their organization, and longer, if in the opinion of the Grand Chancellor it is necessary.

OFFICIAL ACTS.

In August last I received a letter from a man by the name of Ira D. Cheney, who claimed to belong to Sullivan Lodge No. 15, asking for the semi-annual password. While in Claremont I found, upon inquiry, his case as represented by him. As he wished to visit a Lodge in Lowell, Massachusetts, where he was then residing, I answered him that if he would forward me $2.00 for a Withdrawal Card, I would send him one, when he could get the word in Lowell. I soon after received his money and forwarded his card. The day following I received a letter, purporting to come from Mr. Cheney, stating that he was sick, and applying to the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire for benefits. I wrote in reply that Mr. Cheney had withdrawn from New Hampshire and had no claim upon this jurisdiction.

CONCLUSION.

Since my visit to Rising Sun Lodge No. 7, of Rochester, I have received an official notice that our worthy Grand Outer Guard, Brother J. J. SMITH, died on the 21st day of January, 1876. In the death of this brother, this Grand Lodge loses one who has always labored faithfully for its interest, and was ever to be found at his post of duty. I know, brothers, that you deeply regret his departure from us, and extend to Rising Sun Lodge your heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement. I would recommend that a series of resolutions be prepared by this Grand Lodge, expressive of our feelings, and that a copy be sent to the parents of our late brother.

Brothers, my labors are before you, and I hope they will meet with your approval. Let us, as we assemble here to-day, pledge ourselves to renewed efforts for the promotion of our beloved Order, and the promulgation of its tenets of

"Friendship, Charity and Benevolence," to the outer world. Let us do with our might what our hands find to do, and make the centennial year one long to be remembered in the annals of our Order in this jurisdiction.

I would return thanks to our Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Brother MOORE, for his promptness in discharging the laborious duties of his office, and for the assistance rendered me in the discharge of the duties of my own.

And now, brothers, I relinquish my trust. While I have committed errors, I have endeavored, so far as my abilities would permit, to faithfully perform the duties of the high office I represented.

Fraternally submitted,
FRANK E. ROLLINS,
Grand Vice Chancellor.

On motion of Past Chancellor C. H. CURTIS, the reports of the Grand Chancellor and the Grand Vice Chancellor were referred to the Committee on Laws and Supervision.

In the absence of Past Chancellors J. L. DOW and J. M. MALLON, of the above committee, their places were filled by the appointment of Supreme Chancellor S. S. DAVIS and Past Chancellor R. B. FOSS, of Harmony No. 11.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns then presented the following supplementary report:

NASHUA, N. H., February 10th, 1876,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE TWELFTH.

To the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

BROTHERS: Your Committee on Credentials report that they find the certificates of the following Past Chancellors correct, and recommend their acceptance by the Grand Lodge:

JOHN H. PINGREE, No. 7.
CHARLES A. GILES, No. 7.
O. D. BRYANT, No. 9.
EDMUND B. SMALL, No. 11.
THOMAS F. COOKE, No. 11.
H. D. WOOD, No. 12.

E. T. MORRISON, No. 9.
G. H. DAME, No. 9.
ASA A. HALL, No. 11.
CYRUS FREEMAN, No. 13.
WILLIAM BARRETT, No. 14.
NEWMAN ROBBINS, No. 17.

Fraternally submitted,
In F. C. and B.,
CHARLES H. CURTIS,
KIRK W. MOSES,
A. J. SIDES,
Committee on Credentials and Returns.

Upon motion, the foregoing report was adopted, and the Grand Lodge rank was conferred upon the Past Chancellors above named, with the exception of MORRISON of No. 9 and COOKE of No. 11, who were absent.

On motion of Past Chancellor CURTIS, the Grand Lodge voted to proceed to ballot for the election of officers at 3½ o'clock.

On motion of Past Chancellor KENNEDY of No. 9, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the next session of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire shall be holden at Pythian Hall, Portsmouth.

The Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the reports of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and the Grand Master of Exchequer, then presented the following report:

NASHUA, N. H., February 10th, 1876,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE TWELFTH.

To the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

The Committee on Finance have examined the accounts of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and of the Grand Master of

Exchequer, and find them correct. The following figures show our present financial condition:

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal has received since February 23d, 1875,		$1240 59
Which is accounted for as follows:		
Paid Grand Master of Exchequer,	$523 75	
Paid, as per vouchers,	727 84	
		$1240 59
Cash in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer, February 11th, 1875,	$374 24	
Since which time he has received, cash, from the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal,	561 10	
Total,		$935 34
Bills paid as per vouchers,	$691 02	
Balance of cash on hand,	244 32	
		$935 34

All of which is respectfully submitted,

F. W. McKINLEY,
LEVI L. ALDRICH,
C. O. MOULTON,
Committee.

The above report was adopted.

The Grand Chancellor appointed Past Chancellors E. F. JONES of No. 11, S. W. SHEPHARD of No. 4, and F. FEINEMAN of No. 7, as a committee to draft resolutions relative to the death of the Grand Outer Guard, Brother J. J. SMITH, of Rochester.

The following resolution was introduced by Past Chancellor G. F. SHEDD of No. 5:

Resolved, That Subordinate Lodges be required to forward their Past Chancellors' certificates, with their semi-annual returns, to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

Adopted.

The following resolution, introduced by Past Chancellors

JONES of No. 11, LIBBEY of No. 6, and FEINEMAN of No. 7, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That so much of Section 1, Article V, of the Constitution for Grand Lodge, be so amended as to read, "first Thursday in February of each year," instead of "second Thursday in February."

The bills of Grand Chancellor SEAVEY and Grand Vice Chancellor ROLLINS, having been referred to the Committee on Finance, were approved and ordered to be paid.

Circulars A–1 to A–11, inclusive, were referred to a special committee, consisting of STORY of No. 4, HOWARD of No. 8, and KENNEDY of No. 9.

The new form of "Installation Service" was referred to a special committee, consisting of MOORE of No. 3, SIDES of No. 9, and CLATUR of No. 3.

On the recommendation of said committee, the Grand Lodge voted that the service be read, and the reading of the text was then taken up until the hour arrived for the election of officers.

The hour fixed for the election of officers having arrived, upon motion the further reading of the "Installation Service" was deferred, and the Grand Lodge proceeded to ballot for choice of officers for the ensuing year, with the following result.

The Grand Vice Chancellor appointed as tellers, Past Chancellors BRYANT of No. 9, LARRABEE of No. 12, and TOWNS of No. 5.

Upon the ballot being taken the following were declared elected:

FRANK E. ROLLINS, Swamscott No. 2, Exeter, *Grand Chancellor.*

WILLIAM O. SIDES, Damon No. 9, Portsmouth, *Grand Vice Chancellor.*

GEORGE W. TILTON, Pawtuckaway No. 10, Epping, *Grand Prelate.*

LORENZO K. PEACOCK, Concord No. 8, Concord, *Grand Master of Exchequer.*

WILLIAM E. MOORE, Granite No. 3, Manchester, *Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.*

CHARLES M. LANG, Concord No. 8, Concord, *Grand Master-at-Arms.*

FRANKLIN W. McKINLEY, Granite No. 3, Manchester, *Grand Inner Guard.*

FREDERICK NEWMAN, Hillsborough No. 17, Hillsborough Bridge, *Grand Outer Guard.*

DANIEL E. HOWARD, Concord No. 8, *Supreme Representative, two years.*

J. T. S. LIBBEY, Olive Branch No. 6, Dover, *Supreme Representative, one year.*

JAMES FRANK SEAVEY, Olive Branch No. 6, Dover, *Past Grand Chancellor.*

Of the above list of officers, Messrs. PEACOCK, MOORE and HOWARD were reëlected.

The reading of the new "Installation Service" was then resumed and completed, and on motion of Past Chancellor LEVI L. ALDRICH of No. 3, the Grand Lodge recommended its adoption, with the exception of the O. B. N.

By request of the Grand Lodge, the secret work of the first, second and third ranks was exemplified by Supreme Chancellor DAVIS.

Voted, That when the Grand Lodge adjourn it be to 8 o'clock P. M.

Voted, To install the Grand Vice Chancellor and Grand Prelate elect.

The foregoing officers elect were then duly installed by Supreme Chancellor DAVIS.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge assembled at the hour appointed and proceeded with the business of the session.

The Committee on Laws and Supervision, to whom were referred the report of the Grand and Grand Vice Chancellors, and of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, presented the following as their report:

NASHUA, N. H., February 10th, 1876,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE TWELFTH.

To the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

The Committee on Laws and Supervision have examined the documents submitted to them, and would report as follows:

We would recommend that the decisions of Grand Chancellor SEAVEY be confirmed, with the following explanation:

It appears that No. 17 submitted the following: "The office of the Past Chancellor becoming vacant, by the suspension of the officer that filled it, and there being no Past Chancellor to fill the chair, it being a new Lodge," the Grand Chancellor decided that the Vice Chancellor could be elected to the office of Past Chancellor, in accordance with a resolution of this Grand Lodge, passed at its last session, page 17, of Proceedings for 1875.

Your committee find that the resolution referred to has no bearing on this case, and gives no authority for the decision rendered. But we would recommend that the act be approved, inasmuch as there was no Past Chancellor to fill the chair, and it therefore became an act of necessity. But should there be other Past Chancellors, members of the Lodge, this could not be done.

The Committee would submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That when a proper petition shall be presented for a Lodge at Newport, that they be granted the loan of the paraphernalia of Sullivan Lodge, agreeably to their request, during the pleasure of the Grand Chancellor.

Resolved, That Grand Chancellor JAMES FRANK SEAVEY has the heartfelt sympathy of the members of this Grand Lodge in his affliction, and that they all heartily join in the hope for his speedy and complete recovery.

Your committee would concur in the recommendations of the Grand Vice Chancellor, relative to the centennial and the proposed grand parade in Philadelphia, August 22d, 1876. This occasion is one which should enlist the hearty co-operation and support of all members of the Order, that it may be made successful, and an honor to the organization. We should show, not only to our countrymen, that we claim a rank with our sister organizations in the land, but we wish to show to those from foreign countries that the Knights of Pythias are especially devoted to the welfare of our common country and the glorious principles of our Order. Our Order was born on American soil, and is by birth purely an American institution, but universal in its existence and beneficence. We would submit for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the members of the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction be requested to provide themselves with uniforms, so far as possible, and that every effort be made by the grand officers to induce them to attend the grand parade in Philadelphia, August 22d, 1876, escorting the Representatives to the Supreme Lodge to the annual session of that body.

Resolved, That the Grand Chancellor communicate with all the

Lodges in this jurisdiction, relative to attending as above, and assist in making all necessary arrangements.

We regret to learn that Sullivan Lodge No. 15 and Norris Lodge No. 16 have been obliged to surrender their charters, and would recommend that efforts be made to recuscitate them, and that the acts of the Grand Vice Chancellor, relative to these Lodges, be approved.

The Grand Vice Chancellor recommends some amendment to Section 3, Article VIII, Constitution for Subordinate Lodges. We would therefore submit the following as a substitute for that section:

SECTION 3. Any member suspended for non-payment of dues, and desirous of being reinstated, shall pay all arrearages to the time of suspension, and the full amount afterwards accruing, the latter being optional with each Lodge. On payment of such arrearages as are required, the Lodge shall ballot on receiving him, and if he shall have a majority vote in favor of reinstatement he shall be declared reinstated, and shall assume the rank held previous to suspension.

We would recommend that the suggestion of the Grand Vice Chancellor, relative to allowing a new Lodge, when instituted, to use the paraphernalia for the first month after being instituted, and longer, if it be deemed advisable by the Grand Chancellor, be approved, and that the official acts of the Grand Vice Chancellor, as reported, be approved.

We would express the obligations of the Grand Lodge to Grand Vice Chancellor FRANK E. ROLLINS, for his devotion to the interests of the Order in this jurisdiction during the past year.

We would also recommend that the Grand Chancellor be instructed to collect the secret work, books, paraphernalia, and all other property formerly belonging to Sullivan Lodge No. 15, and deposit the same with the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

Respectfully submitted,
In F. C. and B.,
S. S. DAVIS,
J. T. S. LIBBEY,
Committee on Laws and Supervision.

The same committee presented the following additional report:

NASHUA, February 10th, A. D. 1876,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE TWELFTH.

To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

The Committee on Laws and Supervision would submit the following report on that presented by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal:

Inasmuch as the financial condition of the Grand Lodge will not permit of any extra outlay at present, we would suggest that the recommendations relative to the purchase of a "suitable desk" and a "safe," for the use of the Grand Lodge, be for the present deferred.

That so much as refers to "Supreme Lodge Tax" be indefinitely postponed, except so much as refers to the payment of the same.

That the reducing of the size of the Grand Lodge seal be approved.

We heartily concur in the recommendation of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, relative to Subordinate Lodges purchasing jewels, and would approve the same, and also relative to the sending of official receipts direct from the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal to the Subordinate Lodges ordering them.

We also recommend that a Committee on Correspondence be appointed, as suggested in the report, consisting of three members of this Grand Lodge.

Your committee has been obliged to look over this report very hastily, and may have omitted some matters which should receive special attention.

We would recommend that this Grand Lodge express thanks to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, WILLIAM E. MOORE, for the very full report submitted at this session.

Respectfully submitted,
S. S. DAVIS,
J. T. S. LIBBEY,
Committee on Laws and Supervision.

The committee submitted the foregoing reports subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge, and after considerable discussion, particularly in reference to Section 3, Article 8, of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, the reports were adopted.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns then presented their final report, as follows:

NASHUA, February 10th, A. D. 1876,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE TWELFTH.

To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

BROTHERS: Your Committee on Credentials and Returns would respectfully state that they have carefully examined the returns from Subordinate Lodges for the last six months of the past year, the first six not having been presented. We find the blanks on which these returns are made to be imperfect, as no mention is made of moneys on hand, necessitating a false showing. Thus, Granite No. 3 reports receipts as $314.00, with expenses $345.84, showing a balance against the Lodge of $31.84, and yet report $430.06 as on hand and invested, with no showing of how obtained. Again, in giving the number of members, there is a want of uniformity in the reports. Some Lodges give the number of members and total membership as the same, when the Lodge rolls bear the names of Esquires and Pages, while other Lodges make the total number of members differ from the total membership, by the number of Pages and Esquires there are in the Lodge. We find again that some Lodges compute the Grand Lodge tax on the number of members in last report and some on present number. In one instance the return was sent without the Lodge seal. We find in no instance a perfect return.

Respectfully submitted,
In F. C. and B.,
CHAS. H. CURTIS,
KIRK. W. MOSES,
A. J. SIDES,
Committee on Credentials and Returns.

The above report was adopted, greatly to the chagrin of several Keepers of Records and Seal present, who had flat-

tered themselves that their returns exhibited the perfection of accuracy itself.

The committee to whom was referred the case of Grand Outer Guard, J. J. SMITH, deceased, then presented the following resolutions:

Resolved, That by the death of our worthy Brother, J. J. SMITH, we, the members of this Grand Lodge, do lament the loss of a useful and exemplary member.

Resolved, That while we accept the announcement of his decease as a solemn reminder of the brevity and uncertainty of human life, we also take comfort in the faith that "death is but an event in life," and that the qualities of Pythian knighthood which we here seek to cultivate will go with us through all worlds, and do honor to human nature everywhere.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge offers its tenderest condolements to the friends of our late Brother, and that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be instructed to forward to the friends of the deceased a copy of these resolutions.

E. F. JONES,
C. A. GILES,
F. FEINEMAN,
Committee.

The above resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Past Chancellor F. W. MCKINLEY, of Granite Lodge No. 3, presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge extend its hearty and sincere thanks to Granite Lodge No. 1, I. O. O. F., for the use of their hall during this session.

Adopted.

Supreme Chancellor S. S. DAVIS submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That in view of the fact that the first Lodge of this Order was instituted on the 19th day of February, 1864, all Subor-

dinate Lodges in this jurisdiction are requested to ever hereafter observe that day as the anniversary of our Order, in some appropriate manner, in compliance with the action of the Supreme Lodge, found on page 1131, Journal of 1865.

Adopted.

Supreme Chancellor DAVIS also submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted.

Resolved, That hereafter, whenever the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge are printed, they shall be printed uniform in size with the Proceedings of the Supreme Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal forward to the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal two copies of the printed journal of each session, including those already printed and such as may be printed in the future.

[See Supreme Lodge Journal, 1875, page 1124.]

On motion, a vote of thanks was passed, in acknowledgment of courtesies extended the Grand Lodge by the Concord Railroad.

The report of the special committee, to whom was referred the consideration of circulars, was then presented by Past Grand Chancellor DANIEL E. HOWARD, on behalf of the committee, as follows:

NASHUA, February 10th, A. D. 1875,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE TWELFTH.

Grand Chancellor, Officers and Past Chancellors:

Your Committee, to whom were referred Circulars A–1 to A–11 inclusive, would respectfully report as follows:

We find that nearly all the matters therein contained are rendered either of no importance by change of law, or are already brought before you by the reports of the Grand and Grand Vice Chancellors and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. We would, however, offer the following:

Resolved, That we heartily approve of the action of the Su-

preme Lodge, in adopting the "official receipt for dues," and earnestly recommend their adoption by every Subordinate Lodge.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. B.,

ALBERT STORY,
DANIEL E. HOWARD,
WILLIAM KENNEDY,
Committee.

The following resolution, introduced by Past Chancellor W. E. MOORE, of Granite No. 3, was rejected:

Resolved, That when members of Subordinate Lodges are initiated on the last half of the term their dues shall commence with the first of the following term.

Past Grand Chancellor HOWARD introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby extended to Nashua Lodge No. 5, for the courtesy and hospitality this day extended to us.

The grand officers for the ensuing year were then installed by Supreme Chancellor DAVIS, with the exception of the Grand Vice Chancellor and Grand Prelate, who were previously installed.

The following standing committees were then announced by the Grand Chancellor

On Laws and Supervision.—WILLIAM E. MOORE of No. 3, G. W. VARNEY of No. 6, R. M. BLANCHARD of No. 5.

On Finance.—JOSEPH L. DOW of No. 3, E. B. CUTLER of No. 4, C. W. PERRY of No. 17.

On Appeals and Grievances.—DANIEL E. HOWARD of No. 8, J. T. S. LIBBEY of No. 6, S. C. CLATUR of No. 3.

On Credentials and Returns.—CHAS. H. CURTIS, of No. 11, WM. KENNEDY of No. 9, GEO. P. APPLETON of No. 12.

A Special Committee on Correspondence was also appointed by the Grand Chancellor, consisting of Past Chancellors WILLIAM E. MOORE of No. 3 and JOHN D. PATTERSON and WILLIAM R. PATTEN of No. 4.

Past Grand Chancellor HOWARD offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are eminently due and are hereby extended to our Supreme Chancellor, S. S. DAVIS, for the very able manner in which he has exemplified the secret work of this Order, and for his kindness in installing the officers of this Grand Lodge.

Past Chancellor C. H. CURTIS, of No. 11, presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

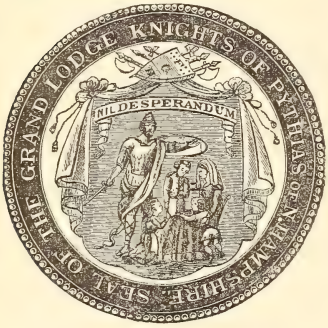
Resolved, That from and after this date the installation of officers shall take place at the evening session only, and that in the case of an officer elected and not appearing for installation, his office shall be deemed vacant and a new election be had.

The following list of District Deputy Grand Chancellors was then announced:

W. A. FRYE, Pioneer No. 1, Newmarket.
JOHN M. MALLON, Swamscott No. 2, Exeter.
JOHN P. YOUNG, JR., Granite No. 3 and Merrimack No. 4, Manchester.
O. W. TOWNS, Nashua No. 5, Nashua.
ALBERT F. SEAVEY, Olive Branch No. 6, Dover.
JOHN H. PINGREE, Rising Sun No. 7, Rochester.
FRANK J. PILLSBURY, Concord No. 8, Concord.
G. H. DAME, Damon No. 9, Portsmouth.
FRANK E. BEAN, Pawtuckaway No. 10, Epping.
R. B. FOSS, Harmony No. 11, Farmington.
B. L. CULVER, Oriental No. 12, Suncook.
CYRUS FREEMAN, Prospect No. 13, Great Falls.
D. W. FOX, Myrtle No. 14, Fisherville.

Norman Robbins, Hillsborough No. 17, Hillsborough Bridge.

No other business coming before the convention, the Grand Lodge adjourned at half-past ten o'clock P. M., to meet at Portsmouth, on Thursday, February 1st, 1877, unless sooner called together in special session.



W. E. MOORE,
G. K. of R. and S.

OFFICERS FOR 1876.

JAMES F. SEAVEY, *Past Grand Chancellor.*
FRANK E. ROLLINS, *Grand Chancellor.*
WILLIAM O. SIDES, *Grand Vice Chancellor.*
GEORGE W. TILTON, *Grand Prelate.*
LORENZO K. PEACOCK, *Grand Master of Exchequer.*
WM. E. MOORE, *Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.*
CHARLES M. LANG, *Grand Master-at-Arms.*
FRANKLIN W. McKINLEY, *Grand Inner Guard.*
FREDERICK NEWMAN, *Grand Outer Guard.*
DANIEL E. HOWARD and J. T. S. LIBBEY, *Supreme Representatives.*

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Laws and Supervision of Laws.

W. E. MOORE, G. W. VARNEY, R. M. BLANCHARD.

On Finance.

J. L. DOW, E. B. CUTLER, C. W. PERRY.

On Appeals and Grievances.

D. E. HOWARD, J. T. S. LIBBEY, S. C. CLATUR.

On Credentials and Returns.

C. H. CURTIS, WM. KENNEDY, G. P. APPLETON.

On Correspondence.

W. E. MOORE, J. D. PATTERSON, W. R. PATTEN.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

PORTSMOUTH, February 1st, A. D. 1877,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE TWELFTH.

The Grand Lodge assembled in Pythian Hall, the home of Damon Lodge No. 9, and at half-past ten o'clock A. M. was called to order by Grand Chancellor ROLLINS.

The following grand officers were present:

JAMES F. SEAVEY, *Past Grand Chancellor.*
FRANK E. ROLLINS, *Grand Chancellor.*
WILLIAM O. SIDES, *Grand Vice Chancellor.*
GEORGE W. TILTON, *Grand Prelate.*
WILLIAM E. MOORE, *Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.*
LORENZO K. PEACOCK, *Grand Master of Exchequer.*
CHARLES M. LANG, *Grand Master-at-Arms.*
FRANKLIN W. MCKINLEY, *Grand Inner Guard.*
FREDERICK NEWMAN, *Grand Outer Guard.*

The grand officers being all present, with a constitutional quorum of members in attendance, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form. The Grand Prelate offered a solemn invocation, and the officers and members united in singing the familiar opening ode.

The reading of the journal of the last session was then called for and was being read, when upon motion the further reading was deferred until after the admission of the Past Chancellors in waiting to receive the Grand Lodge rank.

The Grand Chancellor appointed J. W. SAUL, to fill a vacancy in the Committee on Laws and Supervision.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns then submitted the following report:

PORTSMOUTH, February 1, A. D. 1877,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE TWELFTH.

To the Officers and Past Chancellors of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

Your Committee on Credentials have made careful examination and find the certificates of the following Past Chancellors correct, and recommend their acceptance by the Grand Lodge:

ANDREW J. WATTERSON, No. 1.
WILLIAM S. ROACH, No. 1.
CYRUS R. RAND, No. 1.
IRA G. DOCKHAM, No. 1.
GEORGE K. LEAVITT, No. 1.
ALBERT L. CARLISLE, No. 2.
A. A. TOWLE, No. 2.
GEORGE W. STAPLES, No. 2.
DAVID H. BEAN, No. 3.
ALBERT MAXFIELD, No. 3.
ALONZO DAY, No. 4.
CHARLES E. PAGE, No. 4.
CHARLES E. CLEMENT, No. 5.
EDGAR L. SMITH, No. 5.
ROMANZO TREFETHEN, No. 6.
LEWIS B. LASKEY, No. 6.
MOSES FRYE, No. 6.
WILLIAM K. CHADWICK, No. 6.
IRA DOE, No. 7.
GEORGE A. MCDUFFEE, No. 7.
GEORGE H. WEBSTER, No. 7.
ALTON HURD, No. 7.
MOSES LADD, No. 8.
DANIEL B. NEWHALL, No. 8.
EDWARD A. MEADER, No. 10.
EBEN FRYE, No. 11.
CHAS. B. RICHARDSON, No. 11.
C. P. MORSE, No. 12.
FRED. G. EVANS, No. 12.
JARED P. HUBBARD, No. 13.

ALBERT THWING, No. 13.
HENRY T. FOOTE, No. 14.
STEWART J. BROWN, No. 14.
JOHN C. FARRAND, No. 14.
HENRY C. BRIGGS, No. 15.
IRA W. JACKMAN, No. 17.
S. HUMPHREY JACKMAN, No. 17.

Your committee further report that HENRY PEYSER is returned by Damon No. 9 as elected January 11th, 1874. Said credential is properly signed, and is respectfully submitted for the action of the Grand Lodge.

Your committee further report that the credentials of ALBERT T. PICKERING and E. C. BADGER, of Damon Lodge No. 9, are submitted without proper signatures.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES H. CURTIS,
WILLIAM KENNEDY,
GEO. P. APPLETON,
Committee on Credentials and Returns.

Some discussion was had, followed by explanations, in reference to the case of HENRY PEYSER, resulting in his being declared a Past Chancellor.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Credentials was adopted.

MOSES F. COLBY and FRANK W. RUNDLETT of No. 10, and G. A. PERKINS of No. 9, were shown to be Past Chancellors of record, their credentials having been previously presented.

The Committee on Credentials then presented the following additional report:

Your committee report that certificates of E. C. BADGER and A. T. PICKERING, having been signed by the Vice Chancellor in the absence of the Chancellor Commander, recommend their acceptance by this Grand Lodge.

CHARLES H. CURTIS,
WILLIAM KENNEDY,
GEO. P. APPLETON.

Adopted.

Under instructions from the Grand Chancellor, the Grand Master-at-Arms then introduced the Past Chancellors in waiting, and the Grand Lodge rank was conferred in solemn and knightly form upon those whose names were passed upon by the Committee on Credentials and Returns, with the exception of the following Past Chancellors, who were absent:

DOCKHAM and LEAVITT of No. 1; BEAN and MAXFIELD of No. 3; SMITH of No. 5; WEBSTER and HURD of No. 7; MORSE of No. 12; HURBARD of No. 13; BROWN, FARRAND and BRIGGS of No. 14; IRA JACKMAN and S. H. JACKMAN of No. 17.

The following gives a complete list of the members of the Grand Lodge in attendance:

Pioneer No. 1.—William A. Frye, Cyrus R. Rand, John F. Ham, Jr., Andrew J. Watterson, William S. Roach.—5.

Swamscott No. 2.—John M. Mallon, W. P. Tilton, J. W. Tilton, A. A. Towle, George W. Staples, Abbott L. Carlisle, Frank E. Rollins, R. H. Perkins.—8.

Granite No. 3.—William E. Moore, Joseph L. Dow, S. C. Clatur, S. C. Amsden, F. W. McKinley, Samuel Amsden.—6.

Merrimack No. 4.—Albert Story, F. H. Hickok, C. W. Temple, C. E. Page, W. H. Dixon, E. B. Cutler, Alonzo Day.—7.

Nashua No. 5.—S. S. Davis, G. F. Shedd, O. W. Towns, Chas. E. Clement.—4.

Olive Branch No. 6.—James A. Horne, J. T. S. Libbey, Jacob H. Blaisdell, George W. Varney, Alonzo T. Pinkham, George W. Parker, Albert F. Seavey, Albert W. Cotton, John C. Pray, Chas. M. Jones, Romanzo Trefethen, Moses Fry, W. Kirk Chadwick, James F. Seavey.—14.

Rising Sun No. 7.—Frederick Feineman, Eben J. Mathes, Geo. A. McDuffee, John H. Pingree, Charles A. Giles, Ira Doe.—6.

Concord No. 8.—L. K. Peacock, Frank J. Pillsbury, Moses Ladd, D. B. Newhall, L. W. Nichols, Curtis White, Charles M. Lang, John McCauley, Walter C. Doe, Daniel E. Howard, John W. Saul.—11.

Damon No. 9.—M. T. Betton, A. J. Sides. William O. Sides, O. D. Bryant, Thornton Betton, E. C. Badger, William Kennedy,

Henry Peyser, Benjamin Plummer, A. T. Pickering, Geo. A. Perkins, J. F. Leverton, E. D. Coffin.—13.

Pawtuckaway No. 10.—George W. Tilton, Frank E. Bean, M. F. Colby, S. Hilton, F. W. Rundlett, E. A. Meader.—6.

Harmony No. 11.—Charles H. Curtis, Eben Fry, C. B. Richardson.—3.

Oriental No. 12.—C. O. Moulton, George P. Appleton, F. G. Evans, J. F. Bartlett.—4.

Prospect No. 13.—John H. Lord, Kirk W. Moses, Cyrus W. Freeman, Thomas Ritchie, Albert Thwing.—5.

Myrtle No. 14.—D. Warren Fox, H. T. Foote.—2.

Hillsborough No. 17.—Cyrus W. Perry, Fred. Newman.—2.

The total attendance was 96.

The report of the Grand Master of Exchequer was read and referred to the Committee on Finance. The report of the committee was adopted, as follows:

PORTSMOUTH, February 1st, A. D. 1877,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE TWELFTH.

To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias:

Your Committee on Finance have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Master of Exchequer and find them correct and properly vouched for:

Cash on hand February 9th, 1876,	244 32	
" received of G. K. of R. and S.,	473 35	
Total,	$716 67	
Cash paid J. F. SEAVEY, Grand Lodge expenses,	12 57	
" FRANK E. ROLLINS,	80 29	
" Supreme Lodge tax,	150 00	
" W. E. MOORE, sundry bills,	82 19	
" Postage.	75	
		$325 80
Leaving cash on hand,		390 87

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH L. DOW,
E. B. CUTLER,
C. W. PERRY.

The reading of the minutes of the last annual session was then resumed and completed. Declared approved.

The Grand Chancellor presented and read his report, as as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHANCELLOR.

PORTSMOUTH, February 1, A. D. 1876,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE TWELFTH.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire.

Another year, with its silent changes and startling events, its gilded hopes and gloomy fears, its mercies and chastisements, expectations and disappointments for weal and for woe, has passed away, and we are once more permitted to meet in annual convention.

It is the pleasure of the supreme ruler of the universe that we should again assemble, that we might extend to each other once more the warm hand of fellowship, and work together for the good of the Order in this our grand jurisdiction. After a year's separation we are again united to meet in peace and harmony; and while we review the labors of the past and deliberate and consider for the future, let our acts be characterized by wisdom and prudence.

It is well, my brothers, thus occasionally to withdraw from the busy cares of life and divert the train of thought into more pleasurable channels.

From these reunions we gather fresh strength with which to go forth to our knightly work of friendship, charity and benevolence, our shields brightened and our courage renewed and strengthened.

During the past year death has entered our council and stricken from our roll of existence one worthy Brother, Past Chancellor OLIVER H. COPELAND, of Pioneer Lodge No. 1·

We miss him from our circle to-day. Called by a summons which none can evade, he has gone to rest.

> "And while the widow's tears we dry,
> Or raise a brother from despair,
> Or hush the homeless orphan's cry,
> May love's expanding care
> Embrace humanity."

I would here recommend that a committee be appointed at this session to draft a series of resolutions expressive of our feelings, and that a copy be forwarded to the family of our departed brother.

It affords me great satisfaction to report to you the very prosperous condition of the Order throughout our grand jurisdiction. There is not that epidemic enthusiasm which characterized it in some of the earlier years of its existence, but its growth generally is natural and steady. The additions to our membership during the past year have not been very much in excess of the losses from all causes; but these losses, which have been principally from withdrawals and suspensions, are not to be regretted, for as a general thing they are only the drones who have grown tired of our noble work and have been driven out, and our institution has been rendered more substantial by striking their names from the rolls.

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, I will proceed in as brief a manner as possible to review and recount to you my official acts during the past year.

I have visited personally every Lodge in the jurisdiction once, and some of them twice, during the past year, and below I give the condition in which I found them:

PIONEER LODGE.

I made my official visit to this Lodge on December 8th, and found a good attendance present who were much interested in all that pertains to the Order. Although not as

large as many Lodges in this jurisdiction, it contains as brave and true Knights as can be found in any location. Some false step in the formation of this Lodge has been of much injury to it, but it is slowly overcoming this, and its members hope that by united effort of all, accompanied with perseverence, to come forth purified from all dross. They have during the past year suspended two of their members for a term of years, for conduct unbecoming knights and gentlemen. May they be brave and courageous in their labor of purifying and upbuilding their Lodge.

During the past year death has entered this band of brothers and removed one who has been a faithful worker within and without the Lodge. He was the first "Worthy Chancellor," and has held several subordinate offices, which he filled with honor to himself and the Lodge. I refer to Brother Past Chancellor O. H. COPELAND, of whom mention has been made before.

District Deputy Grand Chancellor FRYE writes me, under date of December 18th, as follows: "We have one application for this week, and there are more on the way. We have got the old ship out of the breakers, over the bar and in deep water, where it will be smooth sailing; I was afraid at one time she would founder and go down, but she has weathered the storm and come out safe. I hope she will make a prosperous voyage this year, seeing she is well officered and manned."

SWAMSCOTT LODGE.

This Lodge is my Pythian home, and I am proud to call it such. Our Lodge is not the largest in the State, but it is composed of a body of men who are united in all that relates to the Order, and who love and honor its principles. We have made some five or six Knights during the past year, and they are an honor to us and are working faithfully for our noble cause. In response to an invitation from the members, I installed their officers publicly, on Monday eve-

ning, January 1st, 1877. The Castle Hall was well filled with invited guests and their ladies, who were much interested in the ceremony, and were evidently well pleased with all they saw. The service concluded with a most bountiful supper and a social dance. Our prospects for the coming year are as bright as could be expected during the depression of business of all kinds. The new board of officers is of the right material, and we hope during the winter and spring to be able to do much work.

GRANITE LODGE.

On Monday evening, November 13th, I made this Lodge my official visit, and was pleased to see so good an attendance present. At the request of the Chancellor Commander I conferred the first rank upon an applicant, whom I should judge would make a good and true member. This Lodge maintains its former reputution in all that pertains to the Order.

District Deputy Grand Chancellor YOUNG writes as follows: "I installed the officers of Granite Lodge on the evening of January 2d, 1877. Our treasury is in fair condition, having some $300 invested." Granite No. 3 has done about enough work during the past year to fill the places of those suspended. They are courageous and hopeful, and are alive to all the interests of the Order.

MERRIMACK LODGE.

This is one of our oldest Lodges, and is well situated both as regards membership and finances. Its members are generally interested in all that pertains to the Order. I made them an official visit on the evening of September 23d, and was disappointed in not finding more brothers present.

District Deputy Grand Chancellor YOUNG writes me as follows: "I installed the officers of Merrimack Lodge No. 4 into their respective chairs on January 5th, 1877. The two Lodges under my charge have during the past year

made a few accessions to their folds. We have lost a few members by suspension for non-payment of dues. Some have already reinstated themselves and probably others will. With the present state of business depression throughout our country, if we can hold our own we shall do remarkably well. We have had no deaths during the past year, but have had a good deal of sickness, which has drawn on our funds. Merrimack Lodge has over $400 on hand and invested."

NASHUA LODGE.

I made this Lodge an official visit on November 14th. I was very much pleased to see so large an attendance present, also to notice the degree of interest manifested by all present in all that pertained to the Order. They have done but little work for the past year; they are however not discouraged, but are courageous and hopeful for the future. This Lodge is honored more than any other in this jurisdiction in that it is the home of the Supreme Chancellor of the World, Brother S. S. DAVIS. It will be years, if ever, that another Lodge in this State will be so honored. I think, as business improves, they will move forward and increase their membership by the addition of many good and true men.

OLIVE BRANCH LODGE.

On Wednesday evening, December 20th, I met with this Lodge officially, and I was highly gratified with all I saw. They worked the third rank in a manner which reflected great credit upon their officers, who are men that take great pride in the Order, and who have spared neither time nor labor in perfecting themselves in the written and unwritten work of our Order. This Lodge ranks high, and its membership is of the best. They have evidently been very cautious in selecting their material. Their financial condition is among the best in the State, and it is conceded by all that

they have a good board of financial officers who have been very guarded in their transactions with the funds of the Lodge. The Lodges in Rockingham and Strafford counties will always remember this Lodge with the kindest of feelings, for the knightly courtesies extended to them on the occasion of the Pythian parade, held at Dover in September last. The link of friendship which has always bound us has been strengthened very much by the acts performed by this Lodge during the past year, and we all hope that the time is not far distant when we can, in part at least, return some of this brotherly kindness. I will here return to the members of this Lodge my sincere thanks for the kindness extended to me by them on this occasion.

RISING SUN LODGE.

This Lodge still maintains its former reputation for progressiveness. It contains within its membership many men who are brave workers and know no such word as fail. Since their organization they have passed through many trying scenes and have always maintained the same determined spirit, "to meet and to conquer." I met with them officially on December 21st, and passed a very pleasant evening in their company. During the past year they have made thirteen Knights, reinstated eight and suspended twelve. They have now a membership of about one hundred and thirteen. Their finances are in good condition, having some over $400 on hand. I consider this a fine Lodge and one that is calculated to do much good. I shall ever remember the kindness shown me by the brothers of this Lodge while I was with them.

CONCORD LODGE.

This is one of the finest Lodges in the State, and among its members may be found many of the best men of Concord. Its aim has always been to "guard well the outer door," and to admit none but good and true men, the result

of which is evident in their membership. They have a fine Lodge room, with all the requisites for comfort and sociability. They have during the past year added four Knights to their roll, and they now number eighty-two. The officers of this Lodge are men who take great interest in the work of the Order, and execute it in a manner which is an evidence of thought and study. I made them an official visit November 16th. There was a good representation present, and I was well satisfied with all I saw. I predict for this Lodge a glorious future, and I earnestly hope that success will crown all their efforts for good. I shall ever remember my visit to them as one of the most pleasant experiences of my Pythian labors. I would here return my heartfelt thanks to the brothers of the Lodge, and especially to brothers LANG, LADD and PILLSBURY, for the kindness extended while I was among them. May God bless you all, brothers.

DAMON LODGE.

On December 26th I visited this Lodge in an official capacity, and was cordially received by the brothers. This Lodge in the first term of the year added to their membership fourteen Knights, twelve by initiation and two by card. They are united and harmonious, and their finances are in better condition than any Lodge in the State, they having some $1200 invested. In June last I visited them and witnessed the working of the third rank in the "amplified form." I can assure you, brothers, that the work was rendered in a manner which reflected great credit upon all who took part in its execution. I feel that I can safely say that there is not another Lodge in this jurisdiction that has the properties and can execute this work in such a perfect manner. I was much gratified with all that I witnessed on that occasion.

PAWTUCKAWAY LODGE.

I made this Lodge an official visit on the evening of Jan-

uary 23d, and was much pleased to notice the feeling of interest manifested by all the brothers present. They are doing some work and their prospects for the future are good. This, I think, is the only Lodge that has not suspended any for non-payment of dues during the past year. The brothers are all united and the greatest harmony prevails in their meetings. Their District Deputy Grand Chancellor, Brother F. E. BEAN, is an earnest worker, and is a great assistance to them by his counsel and wisdom. He is well posted on the written and unwritten work of the Order. I have every reason to think that during the coming year this Lodge will add to its membership many good and true men. Death has entered this band of brothers during the past year and removed one of their past officers, one who was always to be found at his post of duty, willing to do all in his power for the cause of Pythian Knighthood. I refer to Past Chancellor JOSIAH STEARNS.

HARMONY LODGE.

This Lodge is pleasantly situated in one of the most thriving villages of our State, and is composed of that material which is a credit to us as an organization. Soon after my return from the last Grand Lodge session I received information that there was some difficulty among the members. I immediately made them a visit, and before I left everything was satisfactorily settled. I made them my official visit on December 19th, and although the roads were almost impassible there was a good attendance present, and everything was pleasant and harmonious. During the past year this Lodge has added six Knights, and has some ten Pages and Esquires. But for the depression of business this Lodge would have done much more work. They are courageous and hopeful for the future. The finances of this Lodge are in good condition. They have also one of the finest, best furnished and most convenient castle halls in the State.

ORIENTAL LODGE.

In the thriving village of Suncook you will find a body of men, few in number, but who love the Pythian principles and are not dismayed by the financial panic through which we are passing, or the slow increase of their membership, but who have faith to labor on, waiting for the better times to come. May success reward them, as they so richly deserve. I visited them officially on September 22d. There were but few present, but they were alive to all the interests of the Order and hopeful for the future.

PROSPECT LODGE.

I visited this Lodge on December 22d, and was kindly received by the brothers. The attendance at that meeting was not as large as I hoped to see, but there were circumstances which prevented many of the brothers from being present. They have during the past year done the average amount of work, having increased their membership by the addition of eight Knights. On January 3d, 1877, at the invitation of the members of this Lodge, I visited them and publicly installed their officers. I think they are men who will labor faithfully for the welfare of the Lodge and the increase of our Order. To District Deputy Grand Chancellor C. W. FREEMAN much credit should be given for his labors in the interest of the Lodge, for much of their success is due to his efforts.

MYRTLE LODGE.

In company with some of the brothers of Concord Lodge, I visited this Lodge on the evening of November 17th, and a right hearty reception was accorded to us. We found the Lodge room well filled, and all interested to hear the news of our Order. They were hopeful for the future and not discouraged by what they had endured. The dulness of the times has affected this Lodge more perhaps than any other

in the jurisdiction. Many of their members, having been thrown out of work, were obliged to leave the place. District Deputy Grand Chancellor FOX informed me that their prospects for the future were much brighter than they had been for some years, as business had started onward and their prospects for work were good. To the brothers of this Lodge I would say, "Be not weary in well-doing; success will yet crown your labors, and you will leave behind you a faithful record of your work." I thank you all, brothers, for your kindness to me while I was with you.

SULLIVAN LODGE.

In accordance with the instructions given me at the last session of this Grand Lodge, I made a visit to Claremont in September last, saw the former District Deputy of the Lodge, Brother HURD, and after reviewing the situation in a most thorough manner, and calling upon some of the former members, who expressed their willingness to do all in their power to form a new Lodge, I left with them a blank petition, and Brother HURD informed me that I should hear from them in a short time. As the weeks passed by and I failed to hear anything, I deemed it best to request our Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Brother MOORE, to go to Claremont and take possession of all the property of Sullivan Lodge and bring the same to Manchester. A more complete report of his operations you will receive from that officer.

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE.

In the pleasant and thriving town of Hillsborough, which is encompassed by lofty hills on all sides, and where the busy hum of industry may always be heard, you will find gathered on every Monday evening a little band of valiant Knights, who are as brave as can be found in any town or State. I visited them in my official capacity on the evening of September 18th, and although the night was dark and

stormy I found a goodly number present. I was very much pleased to note the evidence of harmony and prosperity which evidently dwelt in this little band. Since my last visit they have furnished their hall with a carpet, chairs, settees, altar, and pedestals for their officers, all of good substantial material. I congratulated them upon the success which had crowned their united labors. During the past year they have added three Knights and lost four. Their roll now contains seventeen members.

NEW LODGES.

Upon being elected to the elevated position of Grand Chancellor of this jurisdiction, it was my determination to use all honorable means in my power to increase our roll of Lodges. To that end I immediately, upon the adjournment of this grand body, opened a correspondence with a brother at Wolfeborough, and the prospects for a Lodge at this place I considered were very good; and but for the depression of business we should have had a Lodge there long before this. I do not regard it as abandoned, only held in check for a short time. I hope my successor will press the matter forward as fast as possible.

While on my visit to Claremont I made a stop at Newport and canvassed the subject there. After spending a day and evening with a former brother of Concord Lodge, I decided that it would be inexpedient to form a Lodge there for the present.

In September last I opened a correspondence with a brother at Milton Mills, upon the subject of forming a Lodge of our Order at that place. In October I made him a visit, and was much pleased to observe the interest there in regard to our Order. I left with them a blank petition, and on January 19th, 1877, I had the pleasure of instituting Morning Star Lodge No. 18, in which I was assisted by the full board of grand officers, and delegations from Rochester, Epping and Portsmouth. I can assure you, brothers, that

we can be justly proud of Morning Star Lodge. It is composed of men of sterling character, and who occupy positions of trust in the village, their Prelate being one of the clergymen of the town. I think I can safely say that never has a Lodge in this jurisdiction started forth with such brilliant prospects of success, and the time is not far distant when it will rank with the best Lodges of the State. In accordance with your instructions, I loaned them the secret work belonging to this Grand Lodge, and I would recommend that they have the use of the same as long as the Grand Chancellor may deem expedient. I would also recommend that you grant them a charter in lieu of the dispensation under which they are now working. To the brothers of Morning Star Lodge I would return my sincere thanks for their kindness to me while I was with them. I have appointed as District Deputy Grand Chancellor of this Lodge Past Chancellor B. F. ADAMS.

THE CENTENNIAL.

In accordance with the legislation passed at the last session of the Grand Lodge upon this subject, I issued the following circular in February last:

[Circular No. 1.]

Office of the Grand Chancellor of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire.

EXETER, February 27th, A. D. 1876,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE THIRTEENTH.

To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Lodges of the Grand Jurisdiction of New Hampshire:

BROTHERS: At the annual session of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire, held at Nashua, Thursday, February 10th, 1876, P. P. XII, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the members of the Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction be requested to provide themselves with uniforms, so far as possible, and that every effort be made by the grand officers

to induce them to attend the grand Parade in Philadelphia, Aug. 22d, escorting their Representatives to the Supreme Lodge to the annual session of that body.

Resolved, That the Grand Chancellor communicate with all the Lodges in this jurisdiction, relative to attending as above, and assist in making all necessary arrangements.

In accordance with the above resolutions I would recommend that the Lodges in this jurisdiction as soon as possible take action upon this matter, in order that ample time may be had to make all the necessary arrangements.

I would like to have each Lodge send me answers to the following questions:

Will your Lodge attend the Pythian parade at Philadelphia, August 22d, 1876?

If so, how many uniformed Knights will you number?

Have you a banner or flag, or both?

Have you the regulation helmet?

Hoping you will use every means in your power to have New Hampshire represented by a battalion of uniformed Knights, who will be a credit to us and an honor to the Order, I leave the matter in your hands.

Fraternally yours,
In F. C. and B.,
FRANK E. ROLLINS,
Grand Chancellor.

A true copy, attest:
W. E. Moore, *Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.*

But three Lodges responded to this and rendered any answer, and they reported as being unable to comply with the resolutions. I think, had business of all kinds been good, there would have been a full representation of uniformed Knights from New Hampshire in that parade. I am very sorry it was not so. We were one of the original thirteen States, and should have occupied a prominent place in the centennial of a liberty which our forefathers helped to achieve.

RELIEF OF SAVANNAH.

In September last I received from the Supreme Chancellar, Brother S. S. DAVIS, a letter informing me of the deep distress through which our brethren in Savannah were passing, and recommending a call to the Lodges in this jurisdiction for aid. I immediately issued the following:

[Circular No. 2.]

Office of the Grand Chancellor, Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire.

EXETER, N. H., October 2d, 1876,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE THIRTEENTH.

To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Lodges of this Jurisdiction:

BROTHERS: I have just received official information that our brethren of the grand jurisdiction of Georgia are being visited by that terrible epidemic, in the form of that formidable enemy of our southern States, the yellow fever.

Hundreds of the inhabitants of the city of Savannah are daily victims to its ravages, and our brothers are among the sufferers. They have labored faithfully to relieve their comrades, and have spared neither time nor money in executing the work imposed upon them. So great has been the call for funds that their treasuries are empty, and they feel compelled to ask of their brother Knights the means to enable them to further carry on the work.

They make this appeal, well knowing that it will meet with a hearty response from all true Knights wherever located.

My brothers, this is a very severe case, and calls for our united support; and I feel that you will all give freely of the means by which you are blessed, for the relief of your distressed brothers, remembering the words of Him who was too wise to err:

"Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you do ye even so to them."

All moneys should be sent direct to P. H. WARD, 141 Bay street, Savannah, Georgia, President of the Knights of Pythias Relief Association. I would like to have you inform me of the amount you send.

Let New Hampshire maintain her reputation for good works by forwarding her contributions as soon as possible.

I leave this matter in your hands, brothers, feeling satisfied that you will execute the trust confided to you in a prompt and chivalric manner.

Yours, in the bonds of F. C. and B.,

FRANK E. ROLLINS,
Grand Chancellor.

A true copy, attest:

W. E. MOORE, *Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.*

The following Lodges forwarded the amounts annexed:

Swamscott No. 2,	$10 00	Olive Branch No. 6,	$10 00
Granite No. 3,	30 00	Concord No. 8,	15 00
Merrimack No. 4,	25 00	Hillsborough No. 17,	6 00
Nashua No. 5,	11 00		
	Total,	$107 00.	

I have no doubt but what all the Lodges would have contributed something, had they not been stopped by the brothers of Savannah, who informed the Order at large that they had funds enough for present use.

I would here return my sincere thanks to the brothers of this jurisdiction for the prompt and liberal manner with which they responded to the cry of distress.

DECISIONS.

Many questions have been submitted to me during the past year. The following are the most important, and the rulings I present for your consideration:

Can a brother of another Lodge be admitted, without the semi-annual password, by presenting his official receipt, dated it may be six months in advance?

Ans.— For such a brother to be admitted to another Lodge and obtain the semi-annual password, he must have an order from the Chancellor Commander of his Lodge, signed by the Keeper of Records and Seal, with the seal of the Lodge attached. The official receipt is in no sense a traveling cre-

dential, but simply represents the holder to be in good financial standing in his own Lodge.

When does a brother become suspended for non-payment of dues?

Ans.—When he is twelve months in arrears, either on June 30th or December 31st, at 12 o'clock P. M.

Has he got to be declared suspended by the Chancellor Commander, or is he, by Section 2, Article 8, of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, suspended at 12 o'clock P. M., June 30th or December 31st, (if in arrears for twelve months) if not declared so by the Chancellor Commander?

Ans.—Any member one years in arrears for dues shall be declared suspended by the Chancellor Commander of his Lodge, and a record thereof shall be kept by the Keeper of Records and Seal.

If a brother who is twelve months in arrears at 12 o'clock P. M., December 31st, comes forward January 1st or 2d, or upon any night before the next regular meeting, and squares his account with the Lodge, can the Chancellor Commander declare him suspended?

Ans.—I shall rule that the brother can pay dues before he has been declared suspended by the Chancellor Commander.

Has the Master of Finance, according to our Constitution and laws, any right to accept of money offered by such a brother, and give his receipt for the same?

Ans.—The Master of Finance has a perfect right to receive money from a brother before he is declared suspended.

Should the Master of Finance so receive money for dues, and give his receipt for the same, thereby showing the brother to be square, can the Lodge compel the Master of Finance to refuse such a brother credit for said money?

Ans.—The Lodge has no authority to compel the Master of Finance not to give the brother credit for the money received.

OFFICIAL PERMISSION.

During the past year I have granted permission to the following Lodges to parade in full uniform, upon the dates here mentioned: Swamscott No. 2, May 30th and September 5th; Damon No. 9, May 23d; Concord No. 8, July 4th; Prospect No. 13, September 5th.

OFFICIAL ACTS.

In May last I received from Damon Lodge No. 9 a communication, stating that their District Deputy Grand Chancellor, Brother GEO. H. DAME, had been called to duty in China, leaving the Lodge without such an officer, and expressing a desire that Past Grand Chancellor A. J. SIDES be appointed to fill the vacancy. I immediately revoked the warrant of Brother DAME and appointed Brother SIDES to that position.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

I feel that I am under special obligations to the various District Deputy Grand Chancellors, our Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and Grand Master-at-Arms, for the uniform kindness and courtesy extended to me by them during the past year, and I would here return them my heartfelt thanks.

CONCLUSION.

I should do injustice to the feelings of a grateful heart, should I close this report without an expression of my warmest thanks for the uniform kindness and respect which I have received from every officer and member of this Grand Lodge, as well as from every brother Knight throughout the jurisdiction with whom the duties of my office have brought me into communication.

I shall cherish the remembrance of your courtesy and friendship through life, and shall strive to cement the

friendship which it has been my happiness to form with you by a firm adherence to the great principles of our Order and their knightly virtues.

Four years ago, by your suffrages, I was elected to a subordinate office in this grand body, and each year you have seen fit to advance me to positions of more responsibility, until I now retire from the highest office of this Grand Lodge. I have endeavored to discharge the duties of these offices to the best of my ability, hoping and trusting I have given no offence to any one. I may have committed many errors; it is human to err, to forgive is divine. If such is the case, they have been errors of the head and not of the heart. And without any hesitation whatever I am free to confess that my affection for the Order has been strengthened by a more thorough knowledge of its principles and a better appreciation of its spirit than I had heretofore attained.

With earnest prayers for its prosperity, and the happiness here and hereafter of all its members, I commend you all to the care of a kind and loving Father. May we all meet in that Castle Hall above, where there is no more parting, but all is joy and peace.

May God bless you, brothers, one and all.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK E. ROLLINS,
Grand Chancellor.

At the conclusion of the reading of the Grand Chancellor's report it was referred under the rules to the Committee on Laws and Supervision.

A resolution in reference to place of holding the next annual session, offered by Past Chancellor STEPHEN C. AMSDEN, was laid over for the time being.

Upon motion of Supreme Chancellor DAVIS, it was voted

that the election of officers be proceeded with immediately after the noon recess.

Upon motion, the Grand Lodge then adjourned till half-past two o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge having assembled promptly at the hour appointed, after being inspected by the Grand Master-at-Arms, was called to order.

The first business in order being the election of grand officers, tellers were duly appointed and a ballot had, with the following result:

WILLIAM O. SIDES, Damon No. 9, Portsmouth, *Grand Chancellor.*

CHARLES M. LANG, Concord No. 8, Concord, *Grand Vice Chancellor.*

GEORGE W. TILTON, Pawtuckaway No. 10, Epping, *Grand Prelate.*

WILLIAM E. MOORE, Granite No. 3, Manchester, *Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.*

LORENZO K. PEACOCK, Concord No. 8, Concord, *Grand Master of Exchequer.*

FRANKLIN W. McKINLEY, Granite No. 3, Manchester, *Grand Master-at-Arms.*

FREDERICK NEWMAN, Hillsborough No. 17, Hillsborough Bridge, *Grand Inner Guard.*

JOHN H. PINGREE, Rising Sun No. 7, Rochester, *Grand Outer Guard.*

JAMES FRANK SEAVEY, Olive Branch No. 6, Dover, *Supreme Representative, two years.*

DANIEL E. HOWARD, Concord No. 8, Concord, *Supreme Representative, one year.*

FRANK E. ROLLINS, Swamscott No. 2, Exeter, *Past Grand Chancellor.*

The following amendments to the Constitution for Grand Lodge were submitted in writing, signed by Past Chancellors DAVIS, HOWARD, KENNEDY and LANG:

First, To amend Article 18 by adding as follows: "Provided always that such laws shall be in harmony with the Supreme Lodge laws."

Adopted.

Second, To strike out Section 5 of Article 11 and insert the following: "On the call of three Past Chancellors, representing three Subordinate Lodges, a vote shall be taken by Lodges on any legislation coming before this Grand Lodge. One vote shall be cast for each Subordinate Lodge, as a majority of the Past Chancellors present from each Lodge shall determine, they selecting one of their number to cast the vote of the Lodge."

Adopted.

The following amendments to Constitution for Subordinate Lodges were submitted in writing, signed by Past Chancellors DAVIS, KENNEDY, LANG, LIBBEY, CURTIS, SEAVEY, HOWARD and DOE:

First, To amend Section 2, Article 7, Subordinate Lodge Constitution, by striking out of the last line but one the words, "and upon such terms as the Lodge may determine."

Adopted.

Second, To amend Section 2, Article 3, Subordinate Lodge Constitution, by striking out in the first and second lines the words, "Master-at-Arms." And insert in the fourth line, after the word "installation," the following: "The Master-at-Arms may be appointed or elected, as the Subordinate Lodge may determine."

Adopted.

The following resolution was indefinitely postponed:

Resolved, That Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction may elect their officers for one year, dating from the elections held in December. Notice shall be given the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, whenever this shall be adopted by any Lodge.

The Committee on Laws and Supervision then submitted the following report:

PORTSMOUTH, February 1, A. D. 1877,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE THIRTEENTH.

To the Officers and Past Chancellors of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

The Committee on Laws and Supervision have attended to their duty and offer the following report:

We have examined the By-Laws submitted by Rising Sun Lodge No. 7, unanimously concur in their adoption, and recommend them as model By-Laws.

That so much of the Grand Chancellor's report as relates to the death of Brother O. H. COPELAND be approved, and recommend that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to draft resolutions relating thereto.

We find all decisions, as made by the Grand Chancellor, to be in strict accordance with law, and recommend their approval.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. MALLON,
JOHN W. SAUL,
GEO. W. VARNEY,
Committee on Laws and Supervision.

The above report was adopted and the recommendations approved.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal then submitted his annual report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.

PORTSMOUTH, February 1, A. D. 1876,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE THIRTEENTH.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire.

BROTHERS: As a part of my duty I have the pleasure of presenting to you my second annual report, covering the official business of the Pythian year, together with such other matters of general interest as should be brought to your notice.

I need not say to you that the year just closed has been one of unexampled financial depression. This fact is too pronounced in the experience of most of us to require illustration. But not alone in New Hampshire, nor even in New England, has the shadow of hard times cast its gloom, for in the published reports of every grand jurisdiction, and from every quarter of our Pythian world, the same grievous complaint is made. Thus far not a volume of proceedings has been received in which the reports of the grand officers generally, as well those of the district deputies, have not given expression to their sense of the mournful condition of affairs.

Under circumstances so discouraging, it gives me great pleasure to present so good a report of the condition of the Order in this jurisdiction, and so favorable an outlook for our future.

The number of Lodges has been increased by the institution of Morning Star Lodge No. 18, at Milton Mills, on

January 19th, 1877. The grand officers were all present, with large delegations of Past Chancellors and Knights, from various Subordinate Lodges, notably from Rochester and Epping. This new Lodge starts under very favorable circumstances, having as a nucleus eight Knights around whom the new brothers may cluster.

I have every reason to believe that this Lodge has in it all the elements necessary to insure success and permanency, and we may confidently look to see its membership show a handsome increase at the end of the year.

The semi-annual reports for 1876 have been received from all the working Lodges, the last one coming to hand January 27th, 1877. The delay in forwarding these reports is a matter of serious embarrassment, as the time given me is too short to allow of their being returned for correction, and I regret to say that in several instances such a course would be desirable. I am happy however to add that upon the whole the reports have never been so well prepared as for the past year. But there is still room for substantial improvement.

I beg leave to call the attention of the Grand Lodge, and particularly of the Keepers of Record and Seal, past, present and prospective, to some of the more important defects in the returns.

In the first place then, little or no attention is given to the heading of "General Remarks." That is to say, no facts are given except upon compulsion, no information is volunteered by which an intelligent understanding may be had of any omissions in the report, and no reasons are given, as they should always be, for such omissions or discrepancies. Under this head one might suppose that if no facts could be given there could at least be questions asked. But in most reports I find nothing but a dreary blank in this department.

Under the head of deaths we ought at least to find the name, age, rank, date of death, and such other details as

should enter into and constitute an official record. The roster of the Grand Lodge cannot be perfected, and is just so far worthless as these facts are omitted. I have, in more than one case during the past year, been compelled to enter simply the word "dead" against a Past Chancellor's name, in the absence of other particulars. The longer such information is withheld the more difficult is it to supply, and I trust that the necessity of furnishing full and exact data in all such cases hereafter arising will be apparent to all, without further remark or admonition.

In the table of statistics, in the matter of per capita tax, there is a want of uniformity in the reports, and I suggest that this matter be fully explained at this session by the Committee on Credentials and Returns, to guard against similar mistakes in the future.

Among the reports for the six months ending June 30th, 1876, there are four which give no figures whatever under the head of relief, viz: Nos. 1, 2, 10 and 14. In the case of Swamscott No. 2, not a single figure is given to show how any part of the expense account was incurred, nor what were the sources of income. The whole page is blank, excepting the gross amount of receipts and expenditures.

With such reports as these, one may well ask how a consolidated return to the Grand or Supreme Lodge could be made, and when made what would be its value.

There is also almost a uniform failure to report the names of candidates rejected, as the blank form supplied contemplates.

In the case of Past Chancellors returned as not entitled to benefits, I would suggest that the cause for which they are so reported be stated, either in the body of the report or in an official letter accompanying the return, so that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal can make the proper entry in the roster.

The names of the members reinstated, when their suspension has occurred from any other cause than non-payment

of dues, should also invariably be given, otherwise their names must be continued on the "black books" of other Lodges, with manifest injustice to all parties. I seldom find a member's name reported under this head, and of those that are so returned I have no means of knowing whether they are properly returned or not; for, as I understand the matter, those reinstated by payment of dues and a majority ballot are not to be reported on the eleventh page, but only those suspended for other causes, or for any cause in fact that would include them in the black list. I hope this subject will also be illuminated by the Committee on Returns.

HISTORICAL STATISTICS.

Under date of October 31st, 1876, I received a letter from Supreme Chancellor S. S. DAVIS, as follows:

NASHUA, October 31st, A. D. 1876,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE THIRTEENTH.

BROTHER MOORE: In your next report to the Grand Lodge I would like to have you prepare and present a tabular statement of all Lodges that have been instituted in this jurisdiction, and date of same: by whom instituted, that is, by Deputy Supreme Chancellor or Grand Chancellor; number of members when instituted and at the present time, or January 1st, 1877; where located; the number of Past Grand and Past Chancellors in each Lodge; the amount of funds on hand, and as nearly as possible the total amount of benefits and relief paid. It would be well to give the number suspended and the cause. You may think of some other items which should enter into it. This is important, as a matter of history and record, that may be referred to hereafter. I have been asked for this information already and am not able to give it. Every year hereafter there should be similar information given, to keep the record complete. You can obtain the necessary information by sending to each Lodge a printed blank to be filled out and returned to you, January 1st, 1877.

Fraternally yours,
S. S. DAVIS,
Supreme Chancellor.

Upon receipt of the foregoing request, I immediately forwarded to each Lodge in this jurisdiction a suitable blank, with the request that it be filled and returned. I have received responses from all the Lodges but Nos. 6, 12 and 13. The information sought for is, as the Supreme Chancellor suggests, extremely valuable, and will become more so with the lapse of time. I therefore hope that the above-named Lodges will send in their statistics in time to be consolidated and printed in the next volume of Proceedings, and would suggest that the Committee on Printing be instructed to complete such a table as is contemplated by this blank.

As an allied topic, and one in which I feel a deep interest, I would call the attention of this grand body to the fact that there are on file in the archives of the Grand Lodge four original "Petitions," and four only, to wit: Nos. 11, 16, 17 and 18. If others are in existence I trust they will be preserved, and I would urge upon the members of the Order generally the propriety of a search for these missing papers which, as a part of the original documentary history of our Order, are of the first importance. They should, in my judgment, be preserved with the most scrupulous care; and the future historian, in the absence of these and similar authentic records, may well decline the labor of compiling our barren annals.

SUSPENDED LODGES.

The suspended Lodges at Claremont and Pittsfield continue, so far as I am aware, *in statu quo*. There is no immediate prospect of a revival of either. The Pittsfield Lodge surrendered its charter and has turned over its complete outfit to the Grand Lodge. The paraphernalia is temporarily loaned to Morning Star Lodge at Milton Mills. The property at Claremont, including the charter and complete paraphernalia is understood to be in the possession of their last District Deputy, ELIAS HURD.

Under instructions from Grand Chancellor ROLLINS, I

visited Claremont on Tuesday, January 16th, 1877, and endeavored to obtain the property. Brother HURD was out of town and no one could be found who could either act in his behalf or even discover where the property was stored. Past Grand Chancellor Story accompanied me. Failing to obtain access to the property I left an order with Brother OTIS F. R. WAIT, the last Chancellor Commander, to deliver to Brother HURD, directing him to forward the goods by express to Manchester, at the earliest possible date. At this writing he has not done so, and nothing has been heard from him. I respectfully suggest that the Grand Lodge take action in the premises.

GRAND LODGE PROPERTY.

I cannot forbear again urging upon the attention of the Grand Lodge the importance of making some provision for the proper care and secure keeping of the property of the Grand Lodge. The constantly accumulating blanks, papers, reports, letters, circulars and pamphlets, to say nothing of the secret work, have no sufficient accommodation, except that furnished through the courtesy of Granite and Merrimack Lodges. It is true there is ample room in their castle hall and committee room for its storage, but no provision is made for the use of their quarters, or for the consumption of fuel and gas necessary from time to time during the year. I also renew the recommendation made in my last report, that the Grand Lodge authorize the purchase of a suitable desk for the use of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. And I would further suggest that that officer be authorized to contract with the above Lodges for the use of their committee room, upon as favorable terms as the circumstances will admit.

PUBLIC PARADE.

During the year last past there has been but one public parade of the Order in this jurisdiction, and that was con-

fined to the membership in Rockingham and Strafford counties. The parade took place in Dover, September 5th, 1876, under the auspices of Olive Branch Lodge No. 6. In common with other grand officers I received an invitation to be present. The exercises consisted of a grand parade in full uniform, a pleasant march and a dress parade, the whole set off with a superb clam-bake at Dover Point, embellished with the usual *post prandial* literary programme. The whole affair was happily conceived and successfully carried out to the close, and reflects nothing but credit upon its originators. I may be allowed to express the hope that Hillsborough and Merrimack counties will soon return the compliment, in kind if not in degree, for I know the example set is a good one, although hard to follow and impossible to outdo.

PRINTING.

In this department it has been found necessary to expend a not inconsiderable sum during the year. Quite a number of official circulars have been issued, and several blank forms having become exhausted new ones were supplied. Among the latter were blank Past Chancellors' certificates, blank applications to accompany Withdrawal Cards, blank applications for the use of new Lodges, official stationery, etc. It is believed that no expense has been incurred in this direction that the necessities of the Order did not fully warrant.

In this connection I may add that the Grand Lodge is now well supplied with printed blanks, and that a much less outlay will be required for the ensuing year for general miscellaneous printing.

PROCEEDINGS.

During the past year I have received many and frequent calls for copies of our Grand Lodge journal, but have been obliged to send the old copies or none. I hope that author-

ity will be given a committee on printing at this session, to compile and prepare for the press the proceedings of the last and present sessions, and that the work may be forwarded without delay. I believe this grand body will lose nothing in printing its Proceedings annually hereafter, and in creditable style. I know of no better way of placing the claims of our Order before our sister organizations, and the public at large, than by its printed records. By these volumes, and by the interest of their contents, shall we be largely judged, and I am convinced that even in an economical point of view it is money well invested that is spent prudently in placing a public record of our transactions before the world.

CIRCULARS.

During the year a variety of circulars have been received from other grand jurisdictions, none of which now need especial mention. Among those desirable to enter on record are the following:

First, Circular from Grand Chancellor ROLLINS, relating to centennial parade at Philadelphia. This will be found in his report. (See page 73.)

Second, Circular from Supreme Chancellor DAVIS, relating to the same and other matters, as follows:

NASHUA, N. H., June 3d, A. D. 1876,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE THIRTEENTH.

To Wm. E. Moore, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal for the Grand Jurisdiction of New Hampshire:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I am desirous of presenting to the Supreme Lodge, at its next session, as full and complete a report of the condition of the Order as possible. I therefore crave your aid, and would therefore ask you to fill out the enclosed blank at the earliest moment and return it to be by July first if possible. If you have not the reports from Subordinate Lodges please fill it up from last report or other information gained. *Do not fail to do this.*

The circular of the Committee on Centennial Parade sets forth the importance of all members of the Order, who possibly can do so, being present and participating in the parade in Philadelphia, August 22d. Please urge this upon the members of the Order in this jurisdiction. Also inform your Supreme Representatives that if they desire or expect hotel accommodations provided by the committee, they must send their names to the chairman, J. W. Bebee, Philadelphia, Pa., also the day they wish to occupy the rooms.

I would renew the request that you visit the Subordinate Lodges and become familiar with their wants, giving them aid and encouragement as may be required. This work is especially needed at the present time.

If you have any suggestions relative to legislation in the Supreme Lodge, I should be pleased to receive them at once and give them consideration previous to writing my report.

Thanking you and all others for the many courtesies shown me during my official term, I remain,

Yours, in F. C. and B.,
S. S. DAVIS,
Supreme Chancellor.

Third, Circular from the Supreme Chancellor, promulgating the more important legislation had at the last session of the supreme body. Copies of this circular were transmitted to the several Subordinate Lodges and to the grand officers, in lieu of the usual report of Supreme Representatives. It is as follows:

NASHUA, September 8th, A. D. 1876,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE THIRTEENTH.

To the Officers and Members of Grand and Subordinate Lodges, Knights of Pythias:

OFFICIAL GREETING:

BROTHERS: We take this manner of promulgating some of the legislation enacted at the recent session of the Supreme Lodge, in advance of the printed Journal, which will not be ready for distribution before the first of November next, being that part espec-

ially affecting the work of Grand and Subordinate Lodges, and which is now in force as law.

The following queries were submitted to and answered by the Supreme Lodge:

1st. Has not a Grand Lodge the power to authorize a Subordinate Lodge in its jurisdiction to meet semi-monthly until the privilege is taken away from it?

Ans. Subject for local legislation.

2d. Has a Grand Chancellor this power?

Ans. By local legislation.

3d. Is it not lawful for a Subordinate Lodge, with the approval of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chancellor, to prescribe in its By-Laws that a member suspended for other reasons than non-payment of dues, and desiring reinstatement, shall not be admitted except upon application and ballot, the same as an applicant for initiation, and payment of the amount standing against him at the time of suspension; also that such member so reinstated shall not become beneficial for six months after restoration?

Ans. Subject for local legislation.

4th. Can a Grand Lodge compel a Subordinate Lodge to renew an expired Withdrawal Card, when its By-Laws provide that such renewal can only be obtained upon a ballot, two black balls rejecting the application?

Ans. No.

5th. Is it not lawful for one member of a Lodge to be allowed to disclose to another member of the Lodge or Order the name of a brother who may speak or vote against a candidate for membership?

Ans. Subject for local legislation.

6th. Does the query on suspension, page 531 Supreme Lodge Journal for 1872, and answered on page 585, prohibit a Lodge by its By-Laws, approved by the Grand Lodge and Grand Chancellor, from declaring that a member owing for funeral assessments, fines, etc., an amount equal to one year's dues, is liable to suspension?

This is answered by the 6th decision of the Supreme Chancellor as follows: "Can fines and assessments be added to dues to work a forfeiture of membership, before the time specified in the laws of the Supreme, Grand or Subordinate Lodges? Ans. No." This decision was approved by the Supreme Lodge at the recent session.

INSURANCE, RELIEF OR MORTUARY FUND.

The Committee on Laws and Supervision reported as follows, copying only the resolutions adopted:

In accordance with the views expressed in the report of the Committee on Laws and Supervision, we offer the following:

Resolved, That it is illegal to provide by general compulsory assessments on all members of the Order in a grand jurisdiction, for an "Insurance," "Relief" or "Mortuary Fund," in the nature of an insurance on lives.

Resolved, That the "Mortuary Benefit" laws of the Grand Jurisdiction of Illinois are illegal.

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Minnesota Knights of Pythias Widow and Orphan's Relief Fund be not approved.

The Constitution for Knights of Pythias Benevolent Associations, submitted at the session of 1875, from Alabama, was not approved. The Committee reported, "inexpedient to adopt by the Supreme Lodge."

DECISIONS OF THE SUPREME CHANCELLOR APPROVED BY THE SUPREME LODGE.

1st. A Chancellor Commander may require a visiting member, presenting an order for the semi-annual password, to show a receipt for dues before instructing him in the word. A receipt should always accompany an order for the semi-annual password. Only the official receipt can be recognized as legal."

2d. A ballot for a candidate for membership should be inspected by the Vice Chancellor and the result announced by the Chancellor Commander.

On the third decision the committee submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That Withdrawal Cards be considered good until revoked or deposited, and that all legislation inconsistent herewith be repealed.

Resolved, That the rank of a brother to whom a Withdrawal Card is issued shall be stated in the card, and that the form of the card be altered to conform to this legislation.

Inasmuch as many Withdrawal Cards are now held by Grand Keepers of Record and Seal, we suggest that they endorse the above two resolutions upon the back of them, before sending them to the Subordinate Lodges. The Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal will do the same with all now in his hands, and when others are printed they will be made to conform to the above legislation.

4th. A brother holding a Withdrawal Card in force, applies to a Lodge for membership by said card, and is rejected. How soon may he make application again?

Ans. He may apply to any other Lodge or, in absence of any local law, to the same Lodge at any time.

The fifth decision was not approved.

6th. Can fines and assessments be added to dues, to work a forfeiture of membership or benefits, before the time specified in the laws of the Supreme, Grand and Subordinate Lodges?

Ans. No.

7th. Can any Lodge make a law exempting all new members from payment of dues for six months after being enrolled as Knights?

Ans. No.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Supreme Lodge:

Resolved. That the decision of the Supreme Chancellor on the subject of arrears, viz: That a member owing for twelve months' dues shall be suspended, be approved and confirmed.

Resolved, That when a member is twelve months in arrears he shall be notified thereof, and the fact of his suspension declared by the Chancellor Commander in open Lodge, and a record thereof made on the minutes.

Resolved, That the discretion with regard to the initiation of maimed persons, which, by resolution at top of page 745, Journal of 1873, is allowed to Grand Lodges when in session, be extended to Grand Chancellors during the recess.

Resolved, That the legislative acts of the Supreme Lodge, when they accord with the Supreme Lodge Constitution, are binding and obligatory upon Grand or Subordinate Lodges and members.

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to revise the ritual, and that the several grand jurisdictions, through their Supreme Representatives, be invited to send to the Supreme

Keeper of Records and Seal all suggestions, amendments, &c., that they may desire.

Resolved, That no Grand or Subordinate Lodge of this Order, nor any individual member of any Lodge, shall, in the name of the Order, resort to, institute or promote any scheme of raffles, lotteries, gift enterprises, or schemes of chance of any kind.

Any Grand Lodge violating this rule shall forfeit its charter to the Supreme Lodge.

Any Subordinate Lodge violating this rule shall forfeit its charter to its Grand Lodge.

Any individual member of any Lodge, who shall violate this rule, shall be suspended from the Order.

The number of failures of a Subordinate Lodge to hold stated meetings, before forfeiting its charter, is determined by local legislation.

Hereafter Representatives to the Supreme Lodge are to be elected for the calendar year.

The following amendments to the Constitution of the Supreme Lodge were adopted:

Paragraph 8, Section, 2, Article 8, was amended by adding to it the following: "Provided further, that the Supreme Chancellor be and is hereby authorized and empowered, upon the application of a Grand Lodge, through its proper officers, to issue his dispensation, authorizing and permitting such jurisdiction to confer the three ranks of the Order for a sum not less than six dollars."

Paragraph 21, Section 2, Article 8, was amended by adding the following: "Provided said member is not under charges."

The amendments to Article 19, entitled "Appeals and Writs of Error," found on pages 1169 and 1170, Journal of 1875, were adopted without amendment.

Article 21 was amended by adding the following: "Except as above or otherwise provided in this Constitution, the grade or rank of Past Grand Chancellor shall not be conferred upon any Past Chancellor, who has not served as Grand Chancellor. Provided that German District Deputy Grand Chancellors, whose jurisdiction is co-extensive with their State, have been elected or appointed by the Grand Lodge, and who serve for three successive years, shall be entitled to the rank of Past Grand Chancellor."

Article 30 was amended by adding the following: "Provided further, that any Past Supreme Officer, Supreme Officer, Supreme Representative, Past Supreme Representative, Past Grand Officer, Grand Officer, Past Chancellor, and Subordinate Lodge Officer or Knight, wearing the jewel of his rank on the left lappel of the coat in a Lodge, shall be considered in full regalia."

Article 32 is made Article 33, and the following was adopted as Article 32, viz: "A term of the Supreme Lodge shall be two years; and the terms of Subordinate Lodges, working immediately under the control of the Supreme Lodge, shall be six months; and the terms of Grand Lodges shall be one year; and the terms of Subordinate Lodges, working under the control of Grand Lodges, shall be remitted to the several grand jurisdictions. Provided that no term of a Subordinate Lodge shall be less than six months."

Article 32, now made Article 33, was amended by adding the following: "Provided always, however, that the Supreme Lodge shall have the power to exercise a *special prerogative* to alter or amend any part or portion of the foregoing Constitution, by unanimous consent, whenever the interests of the Order so demand."

The following officers of the Supreme Lodge were elected and installed for the term of two years:

Supreme Chancellor—S. S. Davis, Nashua, N. H.
Supreme Vice Chancellor—D. B. Woodruff, Macon, Ga.
Supreme Prelate—Chas. D. Lucas, Kansas City, Mo.
Supreme Master of Exchequer—John B. Stumph, Indianapolis, Indiana.
Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal—Joseph Dowdall, Columbus, Ohio.
Supreme Master-at-Arms—A. Ewing, Houston, Texas.
Supreme Inner Guard—W. H. Moyston, Memphis, Tenn.
Supreme Outer Guard—J. W. Thompson, Washington, D. C.

We are pleased to report that the recent session of the Supreme Lodge was characterized by great unanimity and good feeling in all its deliberations. Every grand jurisdiction was represented,

being the largest attendance since the organization of the Supreme Lodge.

The reports showed the Supreme Lodge debt entirely paid, with sufficient money to meet all the expenses of the session. There is much that is left undone, because of lack of funds, which would have been done had all Lodges and grand jurisdictions paid the full amount of the 20 cents per capita contribution to the Supreme Lodge debt. We would again remind all such that more than $3000 was taken from the current receipts of the Supreme Lodge to pay the old debt, which should be returned. We again appeal to all Grand and Subordinate Lodges that have not already contributed the full amount of the 20 cents per capita to do so, and thus enable the Supreme Lodge officers to print the bound volumes of Proceedings, prepare and print a Digest of our laws, and establish the Order in foreign countries. These important measures cannot be carried out without money.

We earnestly request all Grand Lodge officers to visit their Subordinates, instructing and encouraging them. We fraternally urge the officers and members of Subordinate Lodges to be punctual at all meetings of the Lodges. Let every member bring one new member into the Order the coming year, and one hundred thousand will be added to the roll of chivalrous Knights before the next session of the Supreme Lodge in Cleveland, Ohio. Is this too much to ask? We hopefully look forward to the result.

Fraternally yours,
In F. C. and B.,

S. S. DAVIS,
Supreme Chancellor.

Attest:
JOSEPH DOWDALL,
Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal.

Fourth, Circulars from Grand Lodge of Georgia and from Savannah, Ga., relative to aid for sufferers from yellow fever. These were accompanied by a circular from Grand Chancellor ROLLINS, in relation to the same subject, which may be found in his report. The following copies of the circulars referred to are given for the information of the

Order in this jurisdiction, and as a matter of universal interest to all true Knights:

MACON, GA., September 25th, 1876,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE THIRTEENTH.

Official Greeting:

SIR AND BROTHER: You are hereby requested to issue the following circular to the Lodges throughout your jurisdiction:

To the Benevolent Order of Knights of Pythias:

BRETHREN: The following circular of appeal from the distressed brothers, Ga., speaks forcibly to the heart of every true Knight, and the same is hereby issued under my authority and approval. In this hour of their great distress let us practically exemplify the beautiful teachings of our Order, giving liberally towards their relief, for God loveth the cheerful giver, and he who gives to the poor lendeth to the Lord; it SHALL be repaid.

The Grand Chancellor would earnestly invoke aid from Lodges and individual brothers, and to act *at once*, and forward their contributions to the care of D. B. WOODRUFF, Supreme Vice Chancellor and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Macon, Ga., who will properly account for the same.

Given under my hand, with the seal of the Grand Lodge attached.

FELIX CORPUT,
Grand Chancellor.

Attest: D. B. WOODRUFF,
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

SAVANNAH, GA., September 23d, A. D. 1876,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE THIRTEENTH.

To our Brother Knights of Pythias:

The Past Chancellors of this district, in convention this day, have appointed the undersigned to prepare a memorial to their brothers, asking their pecuniary aid in this their dark hour of misfortune and distress.

It is well known to you all that we are in the midst of a terrible epidemic. Our brothers are falling around us every day. Their

families are left in want and suffering. What means we had has been devoted to alleviate their suffering and soothe their grief-stricken families, *but we have no more.*

We cannot feel otherwise than that it is but simply necessary to make known our wants to you to have your prompt recognition of our appeal. But a small amount from each one of our sister Lodges will place us in a proper condition to carry out our grand principles of FRIENDSHIP, CHARITY and BENEVOLENCE.

Yours, in the bonds of F. C. B.,

W. T. WILLIAMS,
P. H. WARD,
GEORGE H. KREEGER,
Committee.

Fifth, Circulars were also received from Supreme Chancellor DAVIS, under date of November 16th, as follows:

NASHUA, N. H., November 16th, 1876,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE THIRTEENTH.

To W. E. Moore, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I am pleased to know that the Grand Lodge officers generally have been so faithful in the discharge of their duties, and I would again solicit their support in further strengthening our Order. It is very important at this time that every effort possible be made to increase our membership and create a greater interest in the attendance upon the meetings of the Lodges. The autumn and winter months are most favorable for this work, and I earnestly desire that the time may be improved by Grand and Subordinate Lodge officers in earnest, efficient *work*. I am anxious there should be a net gain in membership, before the next session of the Supreme Lodge, of at least 15,000, which would be an average of less than ten in each Lodge in the country. I am sure you will unite with me in this desire, and I trust *you* will do all in your power to bring about this desirable result. If possible, visit all your Lodges. If this cannot be done, will you not, by circular or by letter addressed to each Lodge in your jurisdiction, urge upon them the importance of attendance by all the members upon the meetings of the Lodges, and the bringing in of applications for membership of such as are

worthy. It is also very important that suspension of worthy members for non-payment of dues be prevented, if possible, by collecting the dues promptly. Many are lost to the Order by the neglect of the Master of Finance in doing his duty. I would request that you bring this matter to the attention of all Lodges in your jurisdiction at the earliest possible moment, and endeavor to secure to the Order the benefits which I trust will follow.

Fraternally yours,
In F. C. B.,
S. S. DAVIS,
Supreme Chancellor.

NASHUA, N. H., November 16th, A. D. 1876,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE THIRTEENTH.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: The Supreme Lodge at its last session enacted the following as law, viz:

Resolved, That Withdrawal Cards be considered good until revoked or deposited, and that all legislation inconsistent herewith be repealed.

The following question has been submitted to me for decision: "Does this law apply to all Withdrawal Cards issued previous to the passage of the law, that have not been revoked or deposited, whether out of date or not?"

I have asked the Committee on Laws and Supervision for an interpretation of it, and find they do not agree fully regarding it. The Chairman, Supreme Representative J. P. LINTON, writes me that if it does not apply to *all* Cards not revoked or deposited, whether out of date or not, the purpose of the legislation would in a great measure be defeated. In order that the full benefit intended by this legislation may be received, I have

Ruled, That *all* Withdrawal Cards not revoked or deposited are good, and may be received by any Lodge, on deposit and application for membership.

You will please promulgate this in your jurisdiction.

Fraternally yours, in F. C. B.,
S. S. DAVIS,
Supreme Chancellor.

Sixth, The following circular from JOSEPH DOWDALL, Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, was also received and complied with:

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 6th, 1876,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE THIRTEENTH.

To Grand Keepers of Record and Seal:

I send you by express a sufficient number of copies of Journals of Proceedings of the eighth annual session of the Supreme Lodge, held in Philadelphia, August, 1876, to enable you to supply one copy to each Subordinate Lodge, one copy to each grand officer, and one copy to each Past Grand Chancellor in your jurisdiction. All other copies desired will cost one dollar each.

Revised Laws.—The Supreme Lodge having made many changes in the laws, at its last session, and having not made provisions for their promulgation, I will print a revised edition, and furnish Grand Lodges, Subordinate Lodges, and all others desiring copies with the same, at ten cents per copy, providing 1000 copies are wanted. This will barely pay the cost of printing the edition. Send orders at once, so that I may print the same without delay.

Fraternally,
JOSEPH DOWDALL,
Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal.

LETTERS.

No less than one hundred and thirty-seven letters and circulars have been received and answered during the year, besides numerous postal cards, the several communications requiring from one to fifteen replies each. Of this mass of correspondence comparatively little will require present comment. The following letters explain themselves:

NASHUA, N. H., October 20, 1876,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE THIRTEENTH.

To W. E. Moore, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Enclosed please find eleven dollars, ($11.00) the same being the amount subscribed by the mem

bers of this Lodge in aid of the suffering brothers at Savannah, Georgia.

Yours, in F. C. and B.,
G. F. SHEDD,
Keeper of Records and Seal.

SAVANNAH, GA., November 8th, 1876,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE THIRTEENTH.

To W. E. Moore, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

Your kind favor of 20th ult., containing post office order for eleven dollars, is to hand. Allow me in return to thank you on behalf of our sick and distressed brothers here. I am very happy to say that our brothers that have been sick are now all recovering. Much sickness has prevailed amongst our different brothers. My Lodge has lost six good members, and I think all that have stayed in the city have been sick. I am pleased to say that I have ample means for present emergencies, and want no more money at present. Again I thank you, and remain,

Yours, in F. C. and B.,
P. H. WARD.

In December I received the following letter from Brother WILLIAM A. FRYE, of Newmarket:

NEWMARKET, December 9th, 1876.

To W. E. Moore, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

DEAR SIR: I have to inform you that Brother OLIVER H. COPELAND, Past Grand Prelate, is dead, and will be buried tomorrow, Sunday, at two o'clock P. M. Funeral services at the M. E. Church, in this place. Pioneer Lodge No. 1 would like to see you with them on that occasion. The Grand Chancellor and Grand Vice Chancellor are expected.

Fraternally yours,
WILLIAM A. FRYE,
Keeper of Records and Seal.

The above was received too late to allow of my attendance as requested.

The following letter, also from Brother FRYE, I am happy to place on record, as it is just such a letter as is wanted from every Keeper of Records and Seal in the State:

NEWMARKET, N. H., January 22d, 1877,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE THIRTEENTH.

To W. E. Moore, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I send a statement to you, showing how and when Pioneer Lodge was started. Pioneer Lodge No. 1 was instituted March 3d, 1870, at Newmarket, by WILLIAM B. HAINES, Grand Chancellor of Massachusetts, assisted by O. W. YOUNG, of Massachusetts, Acting Grand Vice Chancellor, MARK A. TORREY, of Massachusetts, acting Grand Guide, J. T. BICKFORD, of Massachusetts, Acting Grand Inner Steward, and Su-Guide C. F. ABBOTT, of Baltimore, Maryland, Acting Grand Venerable Patriarch.

After the institution of the Lodge the following were initiated, and received the three degrees: William A. Frye, Oliver H. Copeland, Henry A. Tuttle, John F. Ham, Jr., Charles H. Trickey, Charles H. Plummer, William H. Huntington, John T. Young, L. F. Hanson, and Freeman J. Lock. The above were charter members. Benjamin F. Tuttle, William R. Nowell, John Bradford, Charles E. Downing, Thomas Mitchell, Cyrus R. Rand, George K. Smart, David A. Stevens, Charles E. Smith, Thomas Garland, Charles E. Dolleff, Joseph B. Silver, George W. Murch, B. S. Kingman, Charles E. Stevens, A. H Varney, H. S. Remington, John W. Wiggin and Nathan H. Leavitt, were instructed in the Page and Esquire degrees only, the first evening.

John O. Davis, William H. Gibson, H. J. B. Hudson and Albert Fields paid their money, but were not present on the first evening. They were present at the next meeting and were knighted, with the exception of Albert Fields. He has never been made a Knight as yet.

At the first meeting the following were elected and installed as officers for the first term: William A. Frye, V. P.; Oliver H. Copeland, W. C ; Henry A. Tuttle, V. C.; Wm. H Huntington, R. S.; L. F. Hanson, F. S.; John F. Ham, Jr., B.; John T. Young, G.; Thomas Garland, I. S.; Cyrus R. Rand, O. S.

At the formation of the Grand Lodge, at Manchester, October

20th, 1870, CHARLES H. TRICKEY was elected Grand Guide and JOHN O. DAVIS Grand Outer Steward. And at the session of the Grand Lodge holden at Dover, in 1875, OLIVER H. COPELAND was elected Grand Prelate.

You see by this statement we have not made much headway, but we have tried to do our duty. We have visited the sick and buried the dead. What more could we do? I hope we shall be able to show you that we have done some work when we send in our next returns.

Fraternally yours, in F. C. and B.,

WILLIAM A. FRYE,

District Deputy Grand Chancellor.

CORRESPONDENCE.

At the last session of this grand body a Committee on Correspondence was appointed, and the result of their labors will appear in a report which will at the proper time be submitted. It will remain for the Grand Lodge to express its sense as to the value of such a report, and whether it is desirable to continue the same or a similar committee for the coming year.

STATISTICS.

Under this head I present some figures, arrived at by consolidating certain items of the Subordinate Lodge returns. The number of members, as shown by the last report to the Supreme Lodge, was 1097. This number was increased during the year, by initiation, admission and reinstatement, to 1209. At the same time there was a loss, by withdrawal, suspension and death, of 103, leaving the present number of members 1106, a net gain of 9 over the previous year. Under all the circumstances, I think we have every reason to be contented with so favorable an exhibit. The above does not take into account the membership of Morning Star Lodge No. 18, numbering 16 at the date of its institution, January 19th, 1877.

The financial statement for the year ending December 31, 1876, is as follows:

Total Receipts of Subordinate Lodges, ...	$7,848 27
" expenditures, ...	6,549 17
Amount on hand, ...	5,226 87
" paid for relief, ...	1,686 04
Paid for current expenses, ...	4,683 18

SUPPLIES.

There has been some difficulty in ascertaining what should be the price of supplies furnished by the Grand Lodge to Subordinates. I trust this question will receive such attention at your hands as will enable the purchasing officer to charge uniformly and at a proper rate.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

I herewith submit a general statement of the receipts and disbursements of my office, to date, submitting the accompanying books and vouchers:

Total amount of receipts from all sources, ...	$760 25
" " disbursements, ...	748 11
Balance on hand February 1st, 1877, ...	$12 14

Of the above amounts the sum of $622.35 was paid to the Grand Master of Exchequer, for which vouchers are herewith submitted, and for general current and incidental expenses there was paid out $125.76, including $25 for salary. The above statement is believed to be correct, and sufficient for the purposes of this report.

I have put one suggestion to make in connection with this subject, and that is that so long as the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is made the purchasing officer for this grand body, he should be allowed to retain in his hands at any time a sum not exceeding fifty dollars. As this officer is under bonds, the Grand Lodge runs no risk, much per-

sonal embarrassment may be avoided, and the spirit if not the letter of the law is fulfilled.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding my report, I have no apology to offer for its length, as I have endeavored to set before you such matters of interest as in my best judgment should command your attention.

My relations with the grand officers have been of the most pleasant and agreeable character, and nothing has occurred to mar the harmony of our official intercourse. If I have found some fault with the reports and other documents coming up from Subordinate Lodges, it is not done in a spirit of unkindness, but because I have the welfare of the Order at heart, and believe that we should at least reach forward to if we cannot attain perfection.

I am under many obligations to my brother officers, and I wish to thank them one and all for their acts of kindness, as manifested not only officially but personally. And I take this opportunity of also returning thanks to the officers and members of the Order generally, for the numerous acts of courtesy which have marked our official relations; and I can offer no better wish for my successor than the hope that he may find his lines cast in equally pleasant places.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM E. MOORE,

G. K. of R. and S.

The above report was, on motion of Supreme Chancellor DAVIS, referred to a special committee, consisting of CHAS. H. CURTIS, FRANK J. PILLSBURY and FRANK E. BEAN.

The following resolution, offered by Supreme Chancellor DAVIS, was adopted.

Resolved, That the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be requested to provide a book, to be known as the "Roster of the Grand Lodge," containing full information needed. Also that a

complete list of all Past Grand Chancellors, Past Chancellors and officers of this Grand Lodge, be prepared, containing the names of all Past Chancellors entitled to the rank.

The following resolution, introduced by Past Chancellors SAUL, PEACOCK and VARNEY, was adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of twenty-five dollars be appropriated for the services of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, as extra compensation for the past year, and that the salary of that officer be hereafter fixed at fifty dollars per annum.

Past Chancellor WILLIAM KENNEDY, on behalf of Damon Lodge No. 9 of Portsmouth, extended an invitation to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge to visit Portsmouth, and witness the working of the "Amplified Third Rank."

The following resolutions, introduced by Supreme Chancellor DAVIS, were adopted:

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and Past Chancellors ALBERT STORY and F. B. WOODBURY, be authorized to print the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge for the sessions of 1876 and 1877, including all amendments to the Constitutions for Grand and Subordinate Lodges.

Resolved, That the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be instructed to purchase of the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal one hundred copies of the last issue of the Supreme Lodge Constitution, and that each Subordinate Lodge be furnished with three copies of the same free of charge.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to whom was referred an appeal coming up from Granite Lodge No. 3, relating to the suspension of Past Chancellor ALDEN E. METCALF, made their report, as follows:

PORTSMOUTH, February 1st, A. D. 1877,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE THIRTEENTH.

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to whom was referred the appeal of Past Grand Chancellor S. C. CLATUR, from

the action of Granite Lodge No. 3, respectfully report. The case in substance is as follows:

ALDEN E. METCALF was twelve months in arrears, and before being declared suspended, tendered payment for six months, which was accepted by the Master of Finance. He was not declared suspended on the last night of the term, and the matter was deferred to the next meeting. On the first night of the new term the Chancellor Commander declared METCALF suspended for non-payment of dues. From this decision an appeal was made and the Chancellor Commander was sustained in his decision by the Lodge. From this action S. C. CLATUR appealed to this Grand Lodge. And whereas, in the opinion of your committee, the spirit and intention of our law requires that the full amount of arrearages should in all cases be tendered, therefore,

Resolved, That the action of Granite Lodge be sustained.

DANIEL E. HOWARD,
J. T. S. LIBBEY,
KIRK W. MOSES,
Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

In order that a complete record may appear, the following documents are given *in extenso*, as found appended to the above report:

To Wallace Gilman, Chancellor Commander of Granite Lodge No. 3, Knights of Pythias, Manchester, New Hampshire:

Respectfully represents ALDEN E. METCALF that he has been suspended from said Lodge, for non-payment of dues, as provided in Section 2, Article 8, of the Constitution of said Lodge.

That he believes that his suspension was not warranted by the rules and laws of the Order, and he hereby appeals from the decision of said Lodge, declaring him suspended, and submits the following statement of facts as the reasons for his appeal.

That he had paid his dues up to midnight of December 31st, 1875, at or before they became due, and consequently was not one year in arrears for dues until midnight of December 31st, 1876, and that then, under the laws of the Supreme Lodge, adopted August, 1876, (page 1302 of the Journal) he was entitled to a no-

tification of his being in arrears, and allowed a reasonable time to pay the same.

That he received no notification that he was in arrears, but is informed and believes that, at his request, Brother S. C. CLATUR, on the night of January 2d, 1877, before the aforesaid action of the Lodge, paid the appellant's dues from January 1st, 1876, to July, 1876, said January 2d being the night of the first meeting of the Lodge, in 1877.

(Signed), ALDEN E. METCALF.

(Countersigned), WALLACE GILMAN,
Chancellor Commander.

Attest, F. W. McKINLEY,
Keeper of Records and Seal.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Grand Jurisdiction of New Hampshire:

We, the undersigned, respectfully represent that we have been appointed a committee on the part of Granite Lodge No. 3, Knights of Pythias, of the Grand Jurisdiction of New Hampshire, to answer an appeal to the said Grand Lodge, made by ALDEN E. METCALF, a Past Chancellor of the aforesaid Lodge, relating to his suspension by said Lodge.

We herewith transmit a copy of the records of said Lodge relating to his suspension, and we respectfully submit the following reasons why the action of said Lodge should be confirmed:

1st, That the Constitution made and provided for the government of Subordinate Lodges of the Knights of Pythias expressly declares, in Article 9, that a member who is one year in arrears shall stand suspended. And we further represent that we believe that the resolution found on page 1302 of the Journal of the Supreme Lodge, of the session of 1876, upon which the appellant bases his appeal, has been misconstrued by him, as, in our opinion, said resolution was not intended to affect the fact of a suspension of a member when one year in arrears for dues, but simply to provide that a notice shall be given the suspended member, informing him of the fact of his suspension, and that a declaration of his suspension shall be made by the Chancellor Commander in open Lodge, for the information of the members of the Lodge,

and also that a record of the suspension shall be made on the minutes, for the future guidance of the Lodge.

2d, And we find, upon examination of the books of the Master of Finance, that said ALDEN E. METCALF was one year in arrears for dues on the 31st day of December, 1876, and that he did not tender a payment of said arrearages, or any part thereof, until after 8 o'clock P. M., on the 2d day of January, 1877 And we therefore ask that the decision of the Lodge be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. and B.,

S. R. WALLACE,
F. W. McKINLEY,
WALLACE GILMAN,
Committee.

The following extracts from the minutes of Granite Lodge No. 3 show the action of said Lodge:

JANUARY 8th, 1877.—The subject matter relating to A. E. METCALF was discussed at length; a decision by the Chancellor Commander declared that A. E. METCALF was suspended, and so declared it.

S. C. CLATUR appealed from the decision of the Chancellor Commander to the Lodge.

The Lodge sustained the Chancellor Commander by a vote of fourteen in favor to nine against the decision.

S. C. CLATUR gave notice that he should appeal to the Grand Lodge.

JANUARY 29th, 1877.—The appeal of ALDEN E. METCALF to the Grand Lodge was laid before the Lodge.

Past Chancellors S. R. WALLACE and F. W. McKINLEY, and Chancellor Commander WALLACE GILMAN, were appointed by a vote of the Lodge to answer the appeal, and forward the same to the Grand Lodge.

A true copy, attest: F. W. McKINLEY,
Keeper of Records and Seal.

A long and animated discussion followed the reading of the above report, participated in by Past Chancellors CURTIS, McKINLEY, HOWARD, LIBBY, DAVIS, SIDES, SEAVEY,

MOORE and others. Pending the consideration of the subject, the hour for supper having arrived, the matter was laid on the table until after recess.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled for work at a quarter to eight o'clock.

The further consideration of the report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances was resumed, and the discussion continued at some length. A vote being finally taken on the adoption of the report, the report was not sustained.

The following resolutions, introduced by Past Chancellor WILLIAM KENNEDY, were adopted:

Resolved, That when the result of an election of any officer of this Lodge has been announced, where more than one candidate has been voted for, any brother caught in the act of applauding shall be reprimanded by the Grand Chancellor.

Resolved, That the Grand Chancellor cause the above resolution to be read to this Grand Lodge before each annual election of officers takes place.

Bills due F. E. ROLLINS and W. E. MOORE were presented, approved, and ordered to be paid.

The special committee, to whom was referred the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, submitted the following report:

PORTSMOUTH, February 1st, A. D. 1877,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE THIRTEENTH.

To the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

Your committee, to whom was referred the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, would report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and beg leave to offer the following:

They find that complete information and uniformity in the statistical reports can only be obtained by the use of a proper blank; and they recommend that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be authorized to prepare and issue a proper blank for semi-annual returns. A column can be provided where reasons for reinstatement of suspended members can be given.

And they recommend that the Committee on Printing be authorized to complete and print a tabulated report, as suggested by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, under the headings of Lodge, when instituted, by whom instituted, &c. and that the District Deputies be specially instructed to see that such returns are sent from Nos. 6, 12 and 13; and that all the District Deputies institute a search for the original petitions, and if found send them to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal as soon as possible.

They also recommend that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be empowered to proceed to Claremont and demand in the name of the Grand Lodge, of whoever may hold them, the charter and complete paraphernalia formerly held by Sullivan Lodge, No. 15.

They further recommend that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be authorized to purchase a desk, suitable for the use of his office, and contract with the Lodges in Manchester for the use of their committee room upon as favorable terms as the circumstances will permit; and that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be authorized to retain in his hands the sum of fifty dollars, from the Grand Lodge funds.

They also recommend that the Committee on Printing be authorized to compile and cause to be printed without delay the Proceedings of the last and present sessions of this grand body.

They also recommend that the Committee on Correspondence be continued for this year.

They further recommend that the Grand Chancellor be instructed to appoint a committee to adjust prices placed upon supplies furnished to Subordinate Lodges.

Fraternally submitted,

In F. C. and B.,

CHARLES H. CURTIS,
FRANK J. PILLSBURY,
FRANK E. BEAN,
Committee.

The foregoing report was accepted without discussion and the recommendations adopted.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns presented their final report, which was adopted:

PORTSMOUTH, February 1st, A. D. 1877,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE THIRTEENTH.

To the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

Your Committee on Returns and Credentials would respectfully state that they have carefully examined the returns of Subordinate Lodges, and herewith submit their return thereon:

Nos. 1, 3, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 17 are correct.

No. 2 shows a difference in receipts and omits the Grand Lodge tax.

No. 4, error of $1.00 in Grand Lodge tax.

No. 5, error of fifty cents in Grand Lodge tax.

No. 6 shows that a member was initiated without payment of fee, also error of $1.00 in Grand Lodge tax.

No. 7, return shows that one member was initiated without payment of fee, and also reports a membership of 111, while details of rank show 117.

No. 8, error in Grand Lodge tax of $1.50.

No. 12, error in Grand Lodge tax of fifty cents.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES H. CURTIS,
WILLIAM KENNEDY,
GEO. P. APPLETON,
Committee on Credentials and Returns.

The following resolution, introduced by Past Chancellor C. H. CURTIS, was adopted:

Resolved, That the election of officers for the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire shall not be had till the evening session, unless the other business of the session shall have been completed.

The following resolution was offered by Past Chancellor IRA DOE:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to ascertain if the per capita tax on Subordinate Lodges cannot be reduced.

The question having been referred to the Committee on Finance, the following was submitted as their report:

PORTSMOUTH, February 1, A. D. 1877,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE THIRTEENTH.

To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

The committee, to whom was referred the subject of a reduction of the per capita tax, have considered the same and would report that, in their judgment, legislation at this time is inexpedient.

Respectfully submitted,
CYRUS W. PERRY,
D. W. FOX,
MOSES LADD,
Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence then presented their report, and on motion of Past Grand Chancellor M. T. BETTON the reading of the same was dispensed with and the report was ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

PORTSMOUTH, February 1, A. D. 1876,
PYTHIAN PERIOD THE THIRTEENTH.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire.

BROTHERS: Your committee, having attended to the duty assigned them, respectfully present the following as their report:

In a new organization, such as ours, there will naturally arise many new questions to which answers must for the first time be given, many decisions rendered upon points for the first time presented, and many precedents established, either to be followed and approved or reversed and disregarded by our successors.

Even in our own jurisdiction, at each annual session of the Grand Lodge, we find ourselves confronted with novel complications in Pythian law, and we are met together at this time, in part at least, to hear and pass upon numerous questions to which a present answer must be given.

Your committee are therefore of the opinion that a review of the Proceedings of other grand jurisdictions, with the design of giving you their decisions upon unusual or involved questions of law, and also to acquaint you with their general policy and mode of government, would serve to assist us in the disposition of similar points, should such be presented; and we believe that in making ourselves familiar with the cotemporary history of our sister grand jurisdictions, with their local habits and mode of dealing with local affairs, it will be found not only helpful and instructive, but in some sense amusing. For while we may be permitted good-naturedly to laugh at the mistakes or blunders of our neighbors, we may at the same time find them of assistance in correcting our own.

With this general preface, we would call your attention to a review of such volumes of Proceedings for 1876 as have been received, taking up the several States in their alphabetical order.

CALIFORNIA.

We have received from A. G. BOOTH, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, the journal of the eighth annual session of the Grand Lodge of California, held at San Francisco, February 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, 1876. The session extended, as you will observe, over five days, beginning on Tuesday and ending on Saturday. The volume is well printed and contains about 200 pages, 115 of which are devoted to the report of proceedings. The appendix contains the Constitution of the Supreme Lodge, the amended Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of California, with their rules of order and order of business, the amended Constitution

for Subordinate Lodges in that jurisdiction, and the Constitution of the Bureau of Relief. The whole concludes with lists of grand and past grand officers, district deputies and committees, and a complete roster of Past Chancellors.

All the grand officers were present at the opening of the session, with one exception, and representatives from twenty-three out of thirty-three Subordinate Lodges.

The report of the Grand Chancellor, L. M. MANZER, is a well-written and interesting document. During his term of office two new Lodges had been instituted, and a petition to institute a third had been received.

The custom of paying mileage to their representatives obtains in that grand body.

Under the head of "Dispensations" we find two given for balls and one for a lecture. Various other dispensations were granted, among them several for conferring two or more ranks on the same evening. In all cases, whether one or three ranks were conferred at one session, the candidate is always called "Stranger." For example:

February 26th—Eureka Lodge No. 9, three ranks on Strangers J. W. Jeffuson and T. Johnson.

May 31st—Charter Oak Lodge No. 20, Stranger William Thomas Atherton Gibson, 53 years of age.

We approve this use of the word, as above applied, and recommend its adoption in this jurisdiction.

Among the pleasant episodes of the year we learn that Templar Lodge No. 21, of Marysville, having been subjected to loss of property and other damage by an inundation, that $175.00 was appropriated by the Bureau of Relief for their assistance, and that soon after Templar Lodge sent back $121.08, as they said they had "no need of it and therefore return it to the Bureau." This exhibition of knightly honor was a fit recognition of the generosity of the donors, and challenges our admiration.

The Bureau of Relief above referred to is a distinct organization, but is fully recognized by the Grand Lodge and

for the most part by the Subordinate Lodges. The Bureau is regularly organized, its officers being all Past Chancellors. The Grand Chancellor recommends a tax of fifty cents *per capita* throughout the jurisdiction, in support of its funds, and further recommends that the Bureau draw on the Grand Master of Exchequer for an amount not exceeding $1.00 per capita on the membership of the jurisdiction. He says:

> I would again call your attention to the Bureau of Relief. It is the special child of this jurisdiction, and all who have examined its provisions with a view of understanding the same, have pronounced it the most equitable of any plan yet devised for the relief of sojourning brothers in distress. Much of the opposition heretofore existing has given way, and those who have been active opponents are now its warmest supporters. I regret [*sic*] to say that, as a general rule, the opposition to the Bureau has come from those who have never read its Constitution and By-Laws.

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shows an increase of about 20 per cent in membership. This officer's duties are quite laborious, and among other labor he has prepared, as he says, "a very nearly perfect and accurate black book," from the organization of each Lodge. This he had printed for reference. His financial report shows a balance on hand of $1,399.91, and this notwithstanding the fact that his own salary was $50 a month, and that even then he had the aid of a paid assistant.

The Supreme Representatives make a report, in which they speak as follows of the official receipts:

> We consider the action had in reference to the official receipts a very questionable piece of legislation, as it now stands, but believe that by combining the letter of credit portion of the shield with the official receipt, under the seal of the Supreme Lodge, every brother could then have in his possession authoritative evidence of good standing—a letter of credit and receipt for dues combined.

We are of opinion that to this objection experience has given a sufficient answer; and while they seem to present a plausible case against the official receipt, it is not based on proper knowledge of the facts or a real appreciation of the

subject. The two principles cannot be combined arbitrarily and applied to every case. The receipt is the best and completest evidence of financial standing that a brother can have. It is official and conclusive. But it does not and ought not to show any other standing. Prompt payment of dues is not all of knighthood and does not constitute a Knight. One may pay his dues in advance and yet be guilty of the grossest and most unbecoming conduct. "A letter of credit and receipt for dues combined" necessarily presupposes that every brother who pays his dues is of an irreproachable character and under no charges. No document could be framed that would cover both cases. The receipt therefore goes far enough and covers no ground that is not common to every Knight. But character, diverse, various and changeful, can have no fixed credit. In whatever way we view it, we are persuaded that the judgment of the Supreme Lodge was well exhibited in not attempting to combine in one paper two classes of credentials. And no Lodge should tarnish its shield by sheltering or vouching for a Knight whose sole recommendation may be his ability to pay the paltry sum exacted for dues.

In the report from the Bureau of Relief is shown the work done during the year and the nature of the relief afforded. A list of thirty-three names is given, of brothers from nearly every section of the Union, who were furnished with cash or employment. The Secretery says:

> The work of the Bureau is increasing rapidly, and is taxing the energies of the members to the utmost.

In reference to maimed persons, we find the Grand Lodge allowed membership in the Order to a one-eyed man and to a stranger who had lost three fingers, but refused the same privilege to one who had lost a leg.

A petition for a dispensation was granted to two Lodges to hold sessions semi-monthly. The petitioners offer in explanation that their membership consists mostly of farmers,

who belong more or less to other Orders, and who have to come four and ten miles to the Lodge meetings. They complain that they cannot go often but want to attend every night. The following query was proposed:

Has a District Deputy Grand Chancellor power to grant dispensations in his district?

This was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, who reported that he had not; whereupon a resolution was offered and carried, giving District Deputies authority to grant all dispensations except to institute a new Lodge.

At this session the Grand Chancellor was allowed $300 for his use, the salary of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was fixed at $60 per month, $300 was allowed for Supreme Representatives, and $200 if only one should attend. At the close of the session $20 was voted for use of the hall and $20 for the janitor. A resolution to appropriate $150 for two silk flags was voted down and one to appropriate $250 for that purpose passed. This method of proceeding is in decided contrast to our New England notions of economy. In further illustration of the mode of doing business in the Pacific States, the proceedings of each day's session are printed, and copies placed upon the desks of the members for their use.

DELAWARE.

We have received from STANSBURY J. WILLEY, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Delaware. We review only the latter year. The Grand Lodge assembled at Wilmington, Oct. 25th, 1876. Five grand officers only were present, with representatives from eight out of fifteen Lodges. The Grand Chancellor, WILLIAM J. JEFFERIS, in his report says:

During my term of office I have had two public installations. I think there should be no objection to them. The families and the

friends of the members are brought together, and a genuine interest will be excited for the benefit of the Lodge and the Order.

Under the head of dispensations he says:

I granted permission to Central Lodge No. 10 to wear the regalia of the Lodge to attend a lecture on Knighthood.

He then, with remarkable candor, adds:

I know this last step is contrary to law, but it was done for the best good of our beloved Order.

The Grand Chancellor suggests that in order to establish new Lodges all that is wanted is "a little time and money and a considerable amount of energy."

Financially the Lodge is on the ragged edge of bankruptcy, as they had overdrawn their account at the bank in the sum of ten cents. The salary of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is $100 per annum, and a resolution to cut it down to $50 was indefinitely postponed. The per capita tax is fifty cents.

The Committee on Laws and Supervision make one very important suggestion, and that is that relief committees in Subordinate Lodges should be made uniform, or in other words that the law should specify what officers shall constitute said committee.

The Grand Lodge of Delaware, at the close of the session, unanimously resolved to make no more Past Chancellors except for regular service in the chairs of the Lodge of which they may be members.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

I have received from RICHARD GOODHART, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, District of Columbia, from July, 1874, to March 16th, 1876, inclusive. The volume contains the journal of three adjourned semi-annual sessions, held respectively January 25th, February 9th and February 19th, 1876, and these only we review. At the first all the grand officers were present,

excepting the Grand Prelate. Representatives from fifteen out of sixteen Lodges reported. In his report the Grand Chancellor, A. J. GUNNING, says:

> Having realized during the past year the urgent necessity of printing the Proceedings of this grand body, at the expiration of its annual sessions or as soon thereafter as possible, and believing that it would be most beneficial to this jurisdiction that copies of the same should be in every Lodge room for reference, that they may know at once the latest action of this body, I therefore recommend that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be ordered, at the close of this session, to compile and have printed the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge for the past two years.

To the above, as a general recommendation, we give our hearty approval.

We find in this volume one decision, which we fully endorse, to the effect that on an appeal from a decision of the Chancellor Commander on a point of order to the Lodge, the Lodge sustaining the chair, the brother appealing had exhausted his remedy. In short, that no appeal from the decision of a Lodge upon a mere point of order is allowable.

IOWA.

We have received from H. D. WALKER, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, the Proceedings of the seventh annual session of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, held at Mt. Pleasant, February 8th and 9th, 1876.

The grand officers, with one exception, were all present. Fourteen Subordinate Lodges were represented.

We find from the report of the Grand Chancellor, JOHN VAN VALKENBURG, that the Grand Lodge of Iowa was organized on the "Fourth of July," 1870, and the whole of his address seems to have been composed in the heroic mood. We must confess ourselves unequal to an adequate review of this unique flight of oratory, rhetoric, pathos and punctuation, which baffles analysis and defies imitation. It is certainly *sui generis*, and must be read in full to be suitably appreciated.

The Lodge financially is in good condition, reporting nearly $900 on hand.

We notice one petition, asking the Grand Lodge to confer the Past Chancellor's rank upon a worthy brother who had declined promotion on account of "not being able to hear good!"

The Grand Lodge adopted a resolution declaring that a Chancellor Commander has full and complete supervision of the floor between his station and the altar, and that no brother should be permitted to pass between those points when the Lodge was working, except the Master-at-Arms. Such a practice we should be glad to see observed here, as we believe it would contribute to the dignity and decorum that should mark the work of every Lodge.

We hope to be pardoned for presenting the following, which is found at the close of the volume:

The Order of the Knights of Pythias is founded upon the well-known story of Damon and Pythias, and seeks to carry into practice the teachings of their wonderful friendship. It was founded in Washington, D. C., February 19, 1864, and at present numbers 150,000 members. The Order endeavors to bind men together in a closer bond of fraternity than the every day affairs of life furnish, to relieve the sufferings of a brother, succor him in distress, watch at his bedside in sickness, minister to his necessities, follow him to the grave, and care for those left behind.

To aid in accomplishing these ends the Order is beneficial; that is, weekly benefits are paid to its members when sick, varying in different localities according to the dues paid.

To organize a Lodge nine or more persons are necessary. None of the petitioners need be members of the Order, but must be of sound bodily health and believers in a Supreme Being. The charter fee is $42. This includes rituals, installation books and odes. Blank petitions, copies of the Constitution of the Order, and all necessary information can be obtained by addressing either the Grand Chancellor, John W. Green, Davenport, or H. D. Walker, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

The minimum fee for the three ranks is $10.

Everything will be done to make the expense of organizing Lodges as light as possible. Any one interested in the matter is invited to correspond freely.

We recommend that a similar paper be prepared in this jurisdiction, in the form of a circular of information.

KANSAS.

The Grand Lodge of Kansas assembled at Leavenworth, April 11th, 1876. Representatives from thirteen out of eighteen Lodges were present.

The Grand Chancellor, EDWARD L. BARTLETT, announces some decisions of interest. He decides that a brother ten months in arrears has no right in the Lodge room and no right to vote. He also decides that a Lodge may require its members to explain their action in casting a black ball, and that a brother cannot be suspended for being in arrears to an amount equal to one year's dues, unless said sum is actually for dues and nothing else.

In regard to his decision respecting black balls, your committee are of opinion that the Grand Chancellor is clearly in error, as the secret ballot does not contemplate that any disclosure as to the vote shall be made in any case whatever. Should such disclosure be made it is no longer a secret ballot. The following resolution was presented and referred to the Committee on Laws and Supervision:

Resolved, That a Lodge can pass the ballot the third time, when it can be clearly shown that the black balls were voted in error.

Said committee reported against the adoption of the above resolution, and their report was accepted. This action would seem to be in direct conflict with the principle of the Grand Chancellor's decision; for if no disclosure could be made in the case of a person voting in error, in what cases might we expect a Lodge to "require explanation." We see no impropriety in correcting a ballot, where votes for or against a candidate have been cast by mistake.

The Grand Lodge had been financially in bad condition, but an assessment of $1.00 on the membership throughout the jurisdiction, which was promptly paid, excepting $1.50 from one Lodge, was found sufficient to relieve their most pressing needs, and bonds were issued for the balance of their liabilities.

A resolution was adopted recommending that at the institution of new Lodges "the grand officers confer only ranks enough to form a quorum, and then allow the newly made Knight to proceed with the conferring of ranks themselves." A good suggestion.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal has a salary of $100 per annum, to which is added $50 for services as Secretary of the "Funeral Aid Association." Four new Lodges were instituted during the year.

MAINE.

We have received from MARTIN L. STEVENS, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, the Proceedings of the fourth annual session of the Grand Lodge of Maine, held at Portland, February 1st and 2d, 1876. All the grand officers, except the Grand Vice Chancellor and Grand Master-at-Arms, were present. Representatives from twelve Subordinate Lodges were reported.

The address of the Grand Chancellor, HENRY C. PEABODY, is an uncommonly well-written document and exhibits a high order of thought, fitly expressed. We cannot forbear making the following extract:

> There prevails, very generally, in the Lodges, an impatience at official remissness and incompetency, indicating on the part of our Knights a consciousness that their ideal is but imperfectly realized and that their aspirations are for a higher degree of excellence in the Order. The suspended sword of Damocles hangs, *in terrorem*, over officers who seek to wear the honors and evade the duties of their stations. While it is vitally necessary for the welfare of the Lodge that all its officers be faithful and competent, its Chancellor Commander must be in the true chivalric sense, "a Knight without fear and without reproach." He is both the champion of his Lodge and the standard of its excellence. From his shield the shattered spear of opposition and prejudice is to rebound, and through his honorable repute the good fame of the Lodge is to be won. We need wait for no antiquity or ancient usage, to define the high prerogatives with which he is invested. Within the triangles of his Pythian jurisdiction he wears the ermine of the Chancellor and bears the sword of the Commander. Courteous deference and loyal obedience are due to him; of him are required, delicate diplomacy for the continual preservation of fraternal harmony, peace and unity; accurate knowledge also of the laws and

precedents of the Order, and the enforcement of their strict observance; while the crowning test of his efficiency is in his faithful delineation of the secret work and faultless conduct of the ritual ceremonies. He is the vital presence which deduces truth and beauty from the mystic symbols and formulas, and solemnly unfolds the cardinal lessons of the Order.

We find in this volume a full and carefully written review of the Proceedings of various grand jurisdictions, submitted by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. The committee preface their review with some intelligent general reflections, from which we quote the following passages:

If every Grand Lodge can be made acquainted with the polity, mode of government, jurisprudence, and the action of general interest of all the other Grand Lodges, the desired uniformity will be to a great extent attained.

As we understand it, your Committee on Foreign Correspondence was created to obtain from other Grand Lodges such matters of interest as will make the brethren in Maine acquainted with the action of the brethren in other jurisdictions. As action upon the same question is often different in different jurisdictions, a discussion of the principles upon which such action is based must aid in determining which is correct.

In this report, the first ever made to a Grand Lodge of this Order, as we understand, your committee have endeavored to give a brief statement of the organization, strength and growth of the other Grand Lodges, and such other items as are of general interest, with such remarks as seem to be necessary to avoid misunderstanding and error.

Maine has assuredly set us a good example, and we trust not in vain.

MARYLAND.

We have received from this State the second part of the third volume of Proceedings, embracing the reports of the grand officers for the term ending June 30th, 1876.

Tabulated returns from eighty-one out of ninety-four Lodges are presented in the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, JAMES WHITEHOUSE.

The financial condition of the Grand Lodge is excellent, the reports showing a balance on hand of nearly $4000. The total membership at the date of the report was 6,784.

Among the appeals presented was one against a sentence of suspension for ninety-nine years, the charge being "criminal malfeasance in office." The appeal was not sustained, and we presume the sentence is being worked out.

MASSACHUSETTS.

We have received from FRANCIS A. CHASE, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, the Proceedings of the seventh annual session of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, held in Boston, February 9th, 1876.

All the grand officers were present, with representatives from forty-six out of sixty-six Lodges.

The report of the Grand Chancellor, WILLIAM BOYNTON GALE, is a well digested document, of unusual interest. Among the dispensations granted were two to elect Knights from the floor to the office of Chancellor Commander, all qualified brothers having refused to serve.

We are persuaded the hint contained in the above action will not be lost upon some of our Subordinates, who occasionally find themselves short of suitable material for presiding officers.

As bearing upon a subject concerning which there has been much discussion, and in reference to which there is still great diversity of opinion, we beg leave to make the following extract from the Grand Chancellor's report:

In the matter of the appeal of A. B. MUNROE, Jr., of Trimountain Lodge No. 6, from the decision of that Lodge made by vote in sustaining a ruling of the Chancellor Commander, it appears that at a meeting held January 12, the Lodge voted that the Master of Finance read the names of all parties six months or one year in arrears, and that the Chancellor Commander declare them suspended. But at the request of the Master of Finance it was voted to give him one week to prepare the list. At the next stated meeting, January 19th, the Master of Finance proceeded to read the list of names prepared by him, when Past Chancellor J. A. VERGE objected, claiming it was not the Master of Finance's place to read them, but that it was the Chancellor Commander's duty to read the names and declare the members suspended. The Chancellor Commander then proceeded to read the list of names when, on call of Past Chancellor VERGE, the Chancellor Commander

ruled that "the whole matter was out of order, for the reason that this was not the first meeting of the quarter," and based his decision on that Article and Section of the Constitution which defines the duties of the Chancellor Commander. From this ruling Brother A. B. MUNROE, Jr., appealed to the Lodge, and the Lodge sustained the Chancellor Commander.

I submitted the appeal of A. B. MUNROE, Jr., to the Board of Grand Officers at a regular meeting, for consideration, and the Board decided that the appeal of A. B. MUNROE, Jr., be sustained, as on the facts stated it was clearly the duty of the Master of Finance to read the list of names, and that the ruling of the Chancellor Commander was wrong. I agree entirely with this finding, believing that by no reasonable construction can it be true that if it is provided that an act shall be performed at a certain meeting, and by inadvertence or design it is not done at that meeting, that it follows that it cannot be done at any other meeting; on the contrary, I think the neglect should be remedied at the earliest possible meeting afterwards.

The above action was approved by a committee of five, to whom the report was referred, and afterwards fully sustained by the Grand Lodge. The report of the Grand Chancellor concludes as follows:

The Order in this Jurisdiction is in good condition. Although it has not increased in numbers during the past term, it has made marked improvement in desirable ways. It is stronger, better, wiser; matters of weakness have been weeded out; sources of strength have been added. Its excellence has been more strongly established, and it only requires the application of plain wisdom, impartial judgment and earnest effort on our part to attain such a living realization of the grand principles on which our Order is based as would satisfy the most enthusiastic. I beg you to take upon yourselves a solemn obligation to practice these in all honesty and all purity of purpose.

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal exhibits an unusual amount of careful and laborious service. The tables are full and exhaustive, and show that great pains have been taken in the preparation and compilation of the statistics presented.

Under the single item of relief the report shows that, from December 31st, 1871, to December 31st, 1875, a grand total of $39,076.26 was expended. In referring to the above the report says:

This for relief alone makes a sum that seems large, and yet no one has missed it, while the needy brother has realized practically

the lessons we teach. Then let us have courage, take hold with renewed zeal this centennial year, and while we strive for the prosperity and growth of our beloved Order, in spite of the shadows that may now fall across our path, we shall benefit ourselves and teach others the lessons of F. C. B.

The salary of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is $375, and we are inclined to rate this laborer as worthy of his hire.

MISSISSIPPI.

We have received the Proceedings of the third annual session of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, held at Natchez, March 29th, 1876. Representatives from five out of eight Subordinate Lodges were present.

The report of the Grand Chancellor, J. S. CAIN, is a well-prepared and interesting document. Among the decisions given we notice the following: That "in case a Chancellor Commander be reëlected, a sitting Past Chancellor may be elected, either from the Past Chancellors or Knights of the Lodge," but that "the reëlected Chancellor Commander is alone entitled to the official rank of Past Chancellor."

He also decides that where one is "so much deformed or maimed as to prevent him from receiving and communicating the symbolic teachings of the Order," he ought not to be admitted.

As an example of attempted parliamentary sharp practice on the part of a Subordinate Lodge, your committee note the following.

At a stated meeting of Eva Clare Lodge No. 5, a proposition was made to rent a certain hall for a Lodge room. * * * * * At the next regular meeting a committee reported that the hall could be rented for one hundred dollars per annum, but declined to make any recommendation. There being considerable opposition in the Lodge to a change of Lodge rooms, on motion it was determined to postpone further action in the matter until the next regular meeting, and the Keeper of Records and Seal was instructed to notify all the members to be in attendance. At the following meeting a motion was made to rent the hall at the price proposed, which being duly put to the vote of the Lodge was lost. At the ensuing meeting of the Lodge the same motion was re-

newed, that the hall be rented for one hundred dollars per annum, but declined to make any recommendation. There being considerable opposition in the Lodge to a change of Lodge room, upon motion, it was determined to postpone further action in the matter until the next regular meeting, and the Keeper of Records and Seal was instructed to notify all the members to be in attendance. At the following meeting a motion was made to rent the hall for the price proposed, which being duly put to the vote of the Lodge was lost. At the ensuing meeting the same motion was renewed, that the hall be rented for one hundred dollars per annum, when the following point of order was raised: This being the identical same motion which had been formally disposed of at the preceding meeting, it was unparliamentary and irregular to entertain the same motion. The point of order was sustained by the presiding officer. A motion was then made to rent the hall in question for the sum of ninety-nine dollars per annum, to which the point of order was raised, that this being virtually the same matter was as objectionable as the former motion. This point of order was overruled by the presiding officer, and the motion was entertained and carried. Were the points of order well taken in this case?

Answer.—Yes, both points were well taken; the only legitimate manner of arriving at the object sought was by a motion to reconsider the former action.

The Grand Chancellor's ruling was sustained by the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Laws and Supervision made a report from which we extract the following passage:

The committee to whom was referred the By-Laws and Rules of Order of Stonewall Jackson Lodge No. 7, beg leave to report, that being unable to decipher the writing of said By-Laws, would respectfully ask that they be sent to said Lodge, with the request that they be rewritten.

We hope this intimation to our home Subordinate Lodges will be taken as "a word to the wise."

OHIO.

The Proceedings of the seventh annual session of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, held at Columbus, May 24th, 1876, have been received. The grand officers were all present, and representatives from fifty out of a total of ninety-eight Subordinate Lodges, with a membership of 4,859. Fourteen new Lodges were instituted during the year.

Among other decisions made we find one to the effect that the Chancellor Commander can despatch the Master-at-Arms to communicate the password to a brother in the Castle Hall, while said Master-at-Arms is making the opening examination.

The practice in New Hampshire is to send the brother found wanting to the Chancellor Commander, in all such cases, and your committee squarely condemn any different course.

The reports of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and of the Grand Master of Exchequer show the finances in good condition. The system of paying mileage and per diem prevails in Ohio, and we find the pay-roll for these items foots up the modest figure of $1,316.10. The salary of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is $300.

At this session the following amendment to the Subordinate Lodge law was adopted, under a suspension of the rules, by a two-thirds vote:

In case a Knight is in arrears when taken sick, no dues shall be received from him until his recovery.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The annual session of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania assembled in Philadelphia, August 15th, 1876, the session lasting five days. The proceedings cover 251 pages, and the volume is an exceedingly interesting document. It is especially full in the reports of the several District Deputy Grand Chancellors.

At this session the Grand Lodge officers were all present, and 241 delegates, representing 229 Lodges.

From the report of the Grand Chancellor, E. Walter Scott, we find that five Subordinate Lodges had during the year been merged with other Lodges, twelve surrendered their charters, seven new Lodges were instituted and three re-instituted.

Five special convocations of the Grand Lodge were held during the year.

Three dispensations to admit persons who had each lost an arm were granted. This action was approved by the Grand Lodge, upon the principle that the Subordinate Lodges were the best judges of the fitness of applicants for membership.

Your committee ask leave to quote the Grand Chancellor's remarks, under the head of "Returns from Deputies and Subordinate Lodges," as applicable to this jurisdiction. He says:

> There seems to be a growing disposition upon the part of some of the Lodges and District Deputy Grand Chancellors to delay sending in their reports and per capita tax beyond the time specified for such purpose, thereby preventing a full return of the standing of Subordinate Lodges, and the proper collection of the tax due to the Grand Lodge. This state of affairs should not be permitted to continue. All well-defined rules of business operation revolt against it. The committees are hampered in their duties; the finances of the Grand Lodge are injured; the reports are rendered necessarily incomplete, and all correct systems are rendered inoperative by a course of conduct which should receive a severe rebuke from this grand body.

The reports of the remaining grand officers are full and evidently prepared with great care. The amount of tabular and statistical information in the volume is extensive, and a large number of interesting decisions upon appeals are given. The financial affairs are reported as in good condition. The salary of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is $1200 per annum.

RHODE ISLAND.

We have before us the Proceedings of the fifth annual session of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, by the courtesy of A. O. Rockwell, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

The session was held at Pawtucket, February 15th, 1876. All the grand officers were present, except the Grand Master-at-Arms, and a quorum of representatives from sixteen Subordinate Lodges.

The report of the Grand Chancellor, CHARLES A. LEE, is a well-written and carefully-prepared document, confined mostly to local affairs. Among the decisions we find the following, which we take pains to state in full, as bearing directly upon a subject much discussed at home:

6th. "When is a member twelve months in arrears — on the *last meeting night* in the year or the *last day* in the year?"

"When should he be suspended?"

First, On the last day of the year, basing the reason for such ruling on the ground that bills for dues are made out to the first day of each quarter *Second*, He should be suspended immediately after the the call for "Collection of Dues" at the next succeeding regular meeting.

I have placed the latter subject under this head, although it is more properly a "ruling" rather than a "decision," it being made at the request of a District Deputy. It touches upon a subject which is open to much discussion, and I trust if my disposal of it does not meet your approval that you will take immediate measures to so simplify and define its exact limits that there will be no future misunderstanding in regard to it.

We cannot say good-by to Rhode Island without complimenting the neatness with which the Proceedings are printed. The salary of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is $100.

TENNESSEE.

The fifth annual session of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was held at Nashville, February 8th and 9th, 1876. The Proceedings were forwarded through the kindness of W. BRYCE THOMPSON, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

The grand officers were all present, and representatives from sixteen Subordinate Lodges.

The reports of the Grand Chancellor and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal are each excellent, and that of the latter is especially long and interesting, but we have no room for extracts.

The Grand Lodge is in debt, and considerable good management will be required to extricate it from a financial dilemma. They pay the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal however an annual salary of $300.

VIRGINIA.

Lastly, we close our review with acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings of the eighth annual session of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, held at Richmond, February 15, 1876. A majority of the grand officers, and Past Chancellors from twenty-three Subordinate Lodges, were present.

From the report of the Grand Chancellor we extract only the following decision, which we approve:

> Every sick member, if he be in good standing, is entitled to the care and attention of his brethren, and though a clear and definite law may exclude him from pecuniary benefits, this fact does not affect the service that brethren owe him. The payment of arrearages during the sickness of a brother cannot prevent funeral benefits being paid.

The Virginia Proceedings cover 76 printed pages, with an elaborate table appended. The book is well printed, on very heavy paper, and is in every way creditable to that jurisdiction.

Hoping that our brothers in other States, into whose hands this report may fall, will pardon its shortcomings, we doubtfully send forth this first attempt at a review. In closing, permit us to thank the several Grand Keepers of Record and Seal, who have kindly sent us copies of their Proceedings, and to politely urge those who have not done so to remember New Hampshire in the next distribution of their favors.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. MOORE,

For the Committee.

January 31st, 1877.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded with the installation of officers, Supreme Chancellor DAVIS in the chair.

At the conclusion of this ceremony, after some well-timed

remarks by the installing officer, the following list of standing committees was announced by the Grand Chancellor, WILLIAM O. SIDES:

On Laws and Supervision of Laws.
J. T. S. LIBBEY, F. E. ROLLINS, D. E. HOWARD.

On Finance.
J. L. DOW, JOHN M. MALLON, A. J. SIDES.

On Appeals and Grievances.
M. T. BETTON, J. F. SEAVEY, R. H. PERKINS.

On Credentials and Returns.
CHARLES H. CURTIS, WM. KENNEDY, IRA DOE.

On Correspondence.
W. E. MOORE, J. D. PATTERSON, W. R. PATTEN.

On Printing.
W. E. MOORE, F. B. WOODBURY, ALBERT STORY.

The Grand Chancellor also announced the following appointments of District Deputies:

Pioneer No. 1.—A. J. WATTERSON.
Swamscott No. 2.—J. WARREN TILTON.
Granite No. 3.—F. H. HICKOK.
Merrimack No. 4.—F. H. HICKOK.
Nashua No. 5.—O. W. TOWNS.
Olive Branch No. 6.—W. KIRK CHADWICK.
Rising Sun No. 7.—GEORGE A. MCDUFFEE.
Concord No. 8.—F. J. PILLSBURY.
Damon No. 9.—A. T. PICKERING.
Pawtuckaway No. 10.—FRANK E. BEAN.
Harmony No. 11.—E. B. SMALL.
Oriental No. 12.—FREDERICK G. EVANS.
Prospect No. 13.—KIRK W. MOSES.
Myrtle No. 14.—HENRY T. FOOTE.
Hillsborough No. 17.—IRA W. JACKMAN.
Morning Star No. 18.—BENJAMIN F. ADAMS.

The Grand Chancellor appointed, as a special committee to prepare resolutions on the death of Past Chancellor O. H. COPELAND, the following: S. S. DAVIS, J. T. S. LIBBEY, D. E. HOWARD, W. A. FRYE.

Brother FRYE, on behalf of said committee, presented the following memorial:

GRAND CHANCELLOR: It is with a sad heart and a consciousness of my inability to do justice to the memory of one whose death we are called upon to mourn, that I write these lines.

Since the last meeting of the Grand Lodge in Nashua, 1876, death has invaded the Castle Hall of Pioneer Lodge, No. 1, Knights of Pythias, and removed from our midst a valiant Knight, one of our charter members, and the first Worthy Chancellor of this Lodge.

Brother OLIVER H. COPELAND died December 19th, 1876, aged 40 years and 5 months.

Brother COPELAND had been sick for some time with that lingering disease, consumption, so his death was not unlooked for when the messenger came, and he was summoned to go hence to be no more with us. Brother COPELAND was an active member in the Lodge room. He was one of the Past Chancellors who formed the Grand Lodge at Manchester, in October, 1870, and at the annual session held in the city of Dover, in 1875, he was elected Grand Prelate. Soon after that time his health began to fail and he was never able to perform the duties of the office.

Brother COPELAND was a Knight of Pythias in principle, sentiment and practice; in this, if in no other respect, we are taught to revere and hold sacred his memory. Like all humanity, he had his frailties, but the grave enfolds them with his dust. Let us cherish only the memory of his virtues.

"Peace be to his ashes."

WM. A. FRYE,
For the Committee.

The following resolution, presented by Past Grand Chancellor ROLLINS, was unanimously adopted:

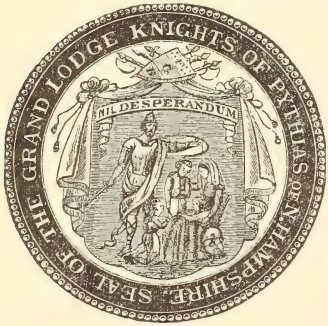
Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be returned to the brothers of Damon Lodge No. 9, for their hospitality and knightly courtesy to this Grand Lodge, on the occasion of their annual session, held February 1st, 1877.

The following resolution, introduced by Past Chancellor CHARLES H. CURTIS, was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are eminently due and are hereby extended to our retiring Grand Chancellor, FRANK E. ROLLINS, for the able and efficient manner in which he has discharged his duties.

A Charter was granted to Morning Star Lodge No. 18, at Milton Mills.

No other business coming before the convention, the Grand Lodge adjourned at half-past ten o'clock P. M., to meet at Manchester, on the first Thursday in February, 1878, unless sooner called together in special session.



W. E. MOORE,
G. K. of R. and S.

OFFICERS FOR 1877.

FRANK E. ROLLINS, *Past Grand Chancellor.*
WILLIAM O. SIDES, *Grand Chancellor.*
CHARLES M. LANG, *Grand Vice Chancellor.*
GEORGE W. TILTON, *Grand Prelate.*
LORENZO K. PEACOCK, *Grand Master of Exchequer.*
WM. E. MOORE, *Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.*
FRANKLIN W. McKINLEY, *Grand Master-at-Arms.*
FREDERICK NEWMAN, *Grand Inner Guard.*
JOHN H. PINGREE, *Grand Outer Guard.*
JAMES F. SEAVEY, DANIEL E. HOWARD, *Supreme Representatives.*

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Laws and Supervision.—J. T. S. LIBBEY, FRANK E. ROLLINS, DANIEL E. HOWARD.

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CONSOLIDATED REPORT,

SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE ORDER IN NEW HAMPSHIRE, JANUARY 1, 1877.

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	No. of Members Last Report.	Initiated during the term.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn.	Suspended.	Died.	Total Membership.	Past Grand Chancellors.	Past Chancellors.	Knights.	Esquires.	Pages.	Receipts.	Amount paid for Relief.	Total Expenses.	Amount on hand and Invested.
1	Pioneer.	Newmarket.	Thursday.	33			1		2	1	31		10	21			$91.50	$61.00	$107.80	$8.93
2	Swamscott.	Exeter.	Monday.	44	1				1		44	2	11	31			134.76		126.63	134.76
3	Granite.	Manchester.	Monday.	124	2		1		7		120	2	14	100	3	1	235.42	65.00	245.46	300.00
4	Merrimack.	Manchester.	Friday.	106	3				2		107	2	12	93			160.00	45.00	214.78	402.07
5	Nashua.	Nashua.	Wednesday.	54			1		3		52	2	11	38		1	152 02		130.00	
6	Olive Branch.	Dover.	Wednesday.	121	2				2	1	120	2	12	103	2	1	446.57	82.00	374.15	1,200.00
7	Rising Sun.	Rochester.	Thursday.	99	7		5				117		10	101	4	2	318.00	114.00	245.68	
8	Concord.	Concord.	Wednesday.	92	1		2	2	2		91	2	15	65	6	3	272.25	72.20	362.15	402.95
9	Damon.	Portsmouth.	Tuesday.	134			1		8	1	126	2	12	109	1	2	376.02	107.99	443.96	1,246.00
10	Pawtuckaway	Epping.	Tuesday.	34						1	33	1	11	21			31.00		61.35	150.34
11	Harmony.	Farmington.	Tuesday.	108		1			5		104		10	79	3	12	739.55	79.00	157.50	600.00
12	Oriental.	Suncook.	Wednesday.	25	1		1				27		12	14	1		46.67		53.68	238.18
13	Prospect.	Great Falls.	Wednesday.	81	3			3			81	1	8	69	2	1	231.81	76.00	190.27	41.54
14	Myrtle.	Fisherville.	Monday.	25							25		9	15		1	30.00		47.08	14.39
15*	Sullivan.	Claremont.																		
16*	Norris.	Pittsfield.																		
17	Hillsborough.	Hillsboro' Bridge.	Monday.	17							17		5	12			58.07		29.89	13.64
18†	Morning Star.	Milton Mills.	Friday.								16									
				1,097	20	1	12	5	32	4	1,111	16	162	861	22	24	$3,323.64	$702.19	$2,790.38	$4,752.80

* Defunct. † Instituted January 19, 1877.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT,

GIVING HISTORICAL AND COMPARATIVE STATISTICS AND THE WORK OF THE ORDER IN NEW HAMPSHIRE,

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION TO JANUARY 1, 1877.

No. of Lodge.	NAME.	When Instituted.	By whom instituted.	No. members when instit'd.	No. members Jan. 1, 1877.	Location.	No. of P. G. Chancellors.	No. of Past Chancellors.	Amount of Funds on hand.	Amount of Benefits and Relief paid.	Number suspended.	Cause.
1	Pioneer.	March 3, 1870.	G. C. W. B. Haines, of Ms.	27	31	Newmarket.		10	$ 8.93	$ 305.00	27	N. P. D. 25, bad conduct 2.
2	Swamscott.	April 6, 1870.	D. D. S. C. W. B. Haines.	30	44	Exeter.	2	11	8.13		37	Non-payment of dues.
3	Granite.	April 8, 1870.	G. C. W. B. Haines, of Ms.	34	120	Manchester.	2	14	334.39	1,707.59	44	Non-payment of dues.
4	Merrimack.	May 6, 1870.	S. C. Samuel Read.	15	107	Manchester.	2	12	383.35	656.35	38	Non-payment of dues.
5	Nashua.	May 9, 1870.	S. C. Samuel Read.	29	52	Nashua.	2	11		305.45	25	Non-payment of dues.
6	Olive Branch.	June 7, 1870.	D. D. G. C. S. C. Amsden.	32	120	Dover.	2	12	1,200.00	475.00	14	Non-payment of dues.
7	Rising Sun.	Jan. 6, 1871.	P. G. C. W. R. Patten.	25	117	Rochester.		10	488.08	114.00	28	N. P. D. 26, fraud 2
8	Concord.	Nov. 18, 1870.	G. C. S. S. Davis.	15	91	Concord.	2	15	402,95	423.20	15	Non-payment of dues.
9	Damon.	Jan. 31, 1871.	G. C. S. S. Davis.	28	126	Portsmouth.	2	12	1,246.00	1,208.10	18	Non-payment of dues.
10	Pawtuckaway	Feb. 20, 1871.	G. C. S. S. Davis.	22	33	Epping.	1	11	150.34	80.00	12	Non-payment of dues.
11	Harmony.	June 19, 1871.	G. C. S. S. Davis.	27	104	Farmington.		10	600.00	69.00	5	Non-payment of dues.
12	Oriental.	Dec. 3. 1871.	G. C. S. S. Davis.	12	27	Suncook		12	238.18	258.00	22	Non-payment of dues.
13	Prospect.	Feb. 8, 1872.	G. C. S. S. Davis.	23	81	Great Falls.	1	8	41.54	76.00	3	N. P. D. 2, contempt 1.
14	Myrtle.	June 11, 1872.	G. C. M. T. Betton.	21	25	Fisherville.		9	14.39		9	N. P. D. 8, fraud 1.
15	*Sullivan.	Aug. 2, 1872.	G. C. M. T. Betton.	12		Claremont.						
16	*Norris.	Oct. 15, 1874.	G. C. Albert Story.	12		Pittsfield.						
17	Hillsborough.	Oct. 28, 1874.	G. C. Albert Story.	12	17	Hillsboro' Bridge.		5	28.18		1	Contempt.
	* Defunct.			376	1095		16	162	5,144.46	5,677.69	298	

ERRATA.

Page 57, seventh line, for "Pythian Period the Twelfth," read "Pythian Period the Thirteenth."

Page 58, sixteenth line, for "Twelfth" read "Thirteenth."

Page 61, nineteenth line, for "Twelfth" read "Thirteenth."

Page 62, seventh line, for "1876" read "1877;" eighth line, for "Twelfth" read "Thirteenth."

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE

Knights of Pythias

OF

NEW HAMPSHIRE,

AT THE

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OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION.

MANCHESTER, FEB. 7, 1878.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XIV.

The Grand Lodge met at Pythian Hall, Globe Block, and was called to order by the Grand Chancellor, WILLIAM O. SIDES.

The following grand officers were present:

FRANK E. ROLLINS, *Past Grand Chancellor.*
WILLIAM O. SIDES, *Grand Chancellor.*
CHARLES M. LANG, *Grand Vice Chancellor.*
GEORGE W. TILTON, *Grand Prelate.*
WILLIAM E. MOORE, *Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.*
LORENZO K. PEACOCK, *Grand Master of Exchequer.*
FRANKLIN W. MCKINLEY, *Grand Master-at-Arms.*
FREDERICK NEWMAN, *Grand Inner Guard.*
JOHN H. PINGREE, *Grand Outer Guard.*

The grand officers all being present, and a constitutional quorum in attendance, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, the Grand Prelate offering a solemn invocation, after which the opening ode was sung.

On motion it was voted that when the Grand Lodge take a recess it be from 12:30 to 2 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Chancellor appointed HENRY PEYSER, of No. 9, and GEORGE F. SHEDD, of No. 5, to fill vacancies in the Committee on Credentials and Returns.

Pending the report of the above-named committee, some discussion was had relative to changing the time of the meeting of the Grand Lodge, but no action was taken.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns, through their chairman, IRA DOE, of No. 7, then submitted the following report:

To the Officers and Past Chancellors of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire:

Your Committee on Credentials, having made careful examination, find the certificates of the following Past Chancellors correct and recommend their acceptance by the Grand Lodge:

Swamscott No. 2.—C. A. BLANCHARD, NATHANIEL D. OAKES.

Granite No. 3.—JOHN H. RANO, WALLACE GILMAN, CHARLES W. BAILEY.

Merrimack No. 4.—ALBERT WHITTIER, JOHN H. BLONQUIST.

Nashua No. 5.—CHARLES A. BAGLEY, LUTHER STARKS.

Olive Branch No. 6.—SAMUEL H. GOODWIN, THOS. E. CUSHING.

Rising Sun No. 7.—EDWIN L. MOULTON, ALBERT T. COTTON.

Concord No. 8.—FRANK G. EDGERLY, JAMES H. SANDERS.

Damon No. 9.—GEORGE H. TRIPP, LEWIS K. MCRAE.

Pawtuckaway No 10.—CYRUS H. KNOX.

Harmony No 11.—EUGENE P. NUTE, CHARLES W. GRAY.

Oriental No. 12.—WILLIAM R. BLAKELEY.

Prospect No. 13.—WILLIAM H. NAYLOR.

Myrtle No. 14.—CHARLES N. ROBERTSON, VALENTINE LAWTON, JOHN C. BLAKE.

Hillsborough No. 17.—DANIEL S. ROACH, HENRY F. WHITCOMB.

Morning Star No. 18.—FREEMAN E. STEVENS, BENJ. G. ADAMS, ASA A. FOX.

Your committee find the credentials of CHARLES W. TUTTLE and

CHARLES E. SMITH, of Pioneer No. 1, returned as having been elected by act of the Grand Lodge.

The credential of J. M. SANBORN, of Granite No. 3, we find dated July 12, 1875; whether signed by the then Chancellor Commander and Keeper of Records and Seal we cannot tell.

FRANK F. RANDALL, of Pawtuckaway No. 10, is returned as elected Past Chancellor by the Lodge, they having re-elected their Chancellor Commander.

Each of which we submit to the Grand Lodge for its action.

IRA DOE,
HENRY PEYSER,
G. F. SHEDD,
Committee on Credentials and Returns.

The reading of the report was followed by a long discussion respecting the cases of TUTTLE, SMITH, SANBORN and RANDALL. Explanations were made, and finally, by amendment, the latter part of the report was incorporated with the first, so as to be embraced in the recommendation of the committee, and the whole report as amended was accepted and adopted.

The Grand Master-at-Arms then introduced the following Past Chancellors, and the Grand Lodge rank was conferred upon them:

CHARLES E. SMITH, No. 1.
IRA G. DOCKHAM, No. 1.
JOHN H. RANO, No. 3.
CHARLES W. BAILEY, No. 3.
WALLACE GILMAN, No. 3.
J. M. SANBORN, No. 3.
ALBERT MAXFIELD, No. 3.
ALBERT WHITTIER, No. 4.
CHARLES A. BAGLEY, No. 5.
LUTHER STARKS, No. 5.
EDGAR L. SMITH, No. 5.
THOMAS E. CUSHING, No. 6.
ALBERT T. COTTON, No. 7.
EDWIN L. MOULTON, No. 7.
GEORGE H. WEBSTER, No. 7.
F. G. EDGERLY, No. 8.
JAMES H. SANDERS, No. 8.
GEORGE H. TRIPP, No. 9.
LEWIS K. MCRAE, No. 9.
EUGENE P. NUTE, No. 11.
W. R. BLAKELEY, No. 12.
WILLIAM H. NAYLOR, No. 13.
CHARLES N. ROBERTSON, No. 14.
VALENTINE LAWTON, No. 14.
STEWART I. BROWN, No. 14.
DANIEL S. ROACH, No. 17.
IRA W. JACKMAN, No. 17.
FREEMAN E. STEVENS, No. 18.

A recess was then taken until two o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge assembled and was called to order at two o'clock.

Past Chancellor JOHN H. BLONQUIST, of Merrimack No. 4, was admitted and duly instructed in the Grand Lodge rank.

The Grand Lodge then listened to the report of the Grand Chancellor, as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHANCELLOR.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

The eighth year in the annals of our history has rolled away since we met as a Grand Lodge for deliberative purposes. Eight years with their record of good and ill,—their list of brave deeds performed and good opportunities neglected,—their promises and disappointments,—their pleasures and their sorrows, all summed up and noted by the All-seeing Eye which takes cognizance of the minutest event. In thus assembling together from year to year we are forcibly reminded of the swiftness of time, and the rapidity with which we are brought from one period to another, suggesting to us that life is far too brief for any of its moments to be wasted in the indulgence of petty jealousies and unworthy strifes. That it is far too short to allow us to fritter away our opportunities, or barter our privileges, but rather to improve each hour in helping our fellows, in extending the cordial grasp of friendship to our brethren, the more especially if they be of the household of Pythian faith.

It devolves upon me, as your presiding officer, to report to you the result of my observations and labors, during the year just closed, among the several Lodges within this jurisdiction. And first, let me remark, that our Order is prospering well throughout the State, notwithstanding the severe season of financial depression that prevades every department of society. There is, too, a degree

of harmony among the members of the Order that is decidedly flattering and extremely encouraging to all who have the good of the brotherhood at heart. No dissensions exist among us; nothing has occured to disturb our prosperity nor to prevent our steady growth in numerical and moral strength.

The summons of death has again been heard among us, and one more worthy brother, District Deputy Grand Chancellor O. W. Towns, of Nashua Lodge No. 5, has been called to the Castle Hall beyond. Thus it is that we pass over, one by one, and none are so strong in years nor so high in rank as to be free from the mandate of the great leveller of humanity.

I have made official visits to every Lodge in the jurisdiction with the following results:

Pioneer Lodge No. 1,

of Newmarket, was visited by me on the night of Nov. 15. This Lodge is composed of men of dignity and character, and appears to be in a healthy condition. May it ever remain so.

District Deputy Grand Chancellor Andrew J. Watterson writes me under date of Jan. 14, 1878, as follows: "We are in a prosperous condition at present. We now number 34 members in good standing, have made four Knights during the year and suspended four for non-payment of dues; but we have reinstated enough to balance that amount, and one over. So you can judge that, notwithstanding the hard times, we hold our own pretty well. Our finances are being well looked after; we have good officers at the head of the Lodge and we are making preparations to start a Section of the Endowment Rank. We have got twenty names, and I think that will make a deeper interest among the brethren."

Swamscott Lodge No. 2,

of Exeter, is in an excellent condition, being both vigorous and prosperous. On the 12th of November I visited this Lodge and was greeted in a very cordial manner. This branch of Pythian Knighthood was the second Lodge of the Order that was instituted in this State (as its number indicates) and well maintains its enthusiasm and impulse. It gives me pleasure to be able so truthfully to record the prosperity of Swamscott Lodge. It has the honor, too, of sending from its fold one of the best Grand Chancellors that ever presided in our State.

Granite Lodge No. 3

is well named, as its standing is as well assured as that of the

Granite Hills. I visited this Lodge on the evening of December 10th, 1877, and observed its condition to be A No. 1. I believe this organization has been noted for its efficiency in discipline and work, and from what I saw, should readily conclude that it fully sustained its good reputation.

Merrimack Lodge No. 4.

On Friday, October 5th, 1877, I made an official visit to Merrimack Lodge No. 4, of Manchester. There were present some eighty or ninety Knights, including a goodly number of the grand officers. This Lodge is in an excellent working condition, as was shown on the evening in question. Work in the third rank was amplified in a manner that reflected much credit on the Lodge. We hope this form of work will be more generally adopted by the Lodges throughout the State.

Nashua Lodge No. 5, Nashua.

October 17th I made an official visit to this Lodge, and found it in excellent working order and in a condition of rare prosperity, having made one Knight in every month of the year. I witnessed the working of the first rank and found the officers well posted in the work and prompt in their attendance. To this Lodge belongs the honor of not only furnishing the first Grand Chancellor of the State, but also the Supreme Chancellor of the World—a fact of which they are justly proud. If not in numbers, it certainly can vie with any other Lodge in the honor of sending forth from its Castle Hall some noble men.

I received from Brother Shedd, Keeper of Records and Seal, under date of December 1st, 1877, the announcement of the death of one of the most useful members of this Lodge, and a faithful and efficient worker among us, District Deputy Grand Chancellor O. W. Towns. His sickness was long and severe, and he died at 9 o'clock on the morning of the 1st of December.

Olive Branch Lodge No. 6, of Dover.

This is one of the best working Lodges in the State, besides having a fund of fifteen hundred dollars, which is, at the present time, the largest amount of capital possessed by any one Lodge in New Hampshire. This is due in part to the judicious selection of officers to manage the finances of the Lodge, who attend to their duties in this direction with as much prudence and forethought as they would give to their own personal matters; an example that all of our sister Lodges would do well to imitate. I visited Olive

Branch Lodge officially on the evening of October 10th, and although no work was done, I was well satisfied, from the general tidiness that prevailed in the details that are always essential to impressive work, that both officers and members are alive to their duties. To this Lodge likewise belongs the honor of furnishing another Grand Chancellor, our worthy brother J. FRANK SEAVEY, who is still a member of this Lodge.

RISING SUN LODGE NO. 7, ROCHESTER.

October 11th I visited this Lodge and found it in a prosperous condition. Although I expected much from this body of Pythians, it even exceeded my anticipations. There are attached to it many noble and persistent workers whose ambition is seen in the condition of the Lodge, and felt in the community. They have a fund of of over eight hundred dollars, having increased it considerably during the past year. The Lodge is rightly named, we believe, as it is a rising sun, not yet having reached the zenith of its power, but destined to nobler and even higher attainments financially, numerically and otherwise.

CONCORD LODGE NO. 8,

of Concord, has justly acquired a rank among the best Lodges in the State. I made an offlcial visit to this Lodge on the second day of January, and performed the ceremony of installation of officers elect. I was greatly pleased with the result of my observation in and about this Lodge, and more than pleased with those of its members with whom I had the good fortune of becoming acquainted. I met with a hearty reception, the most cordial treatment, and generous expressions of fraternal kindness from all. The written and unwritten work of this Lodge is well performed, each officer appearing to have taken particular pains to post himself.

DAMON LODGE NO. 9.

I made my official visit to this Lodge on New Year's night, January 1st, 1878, and installed its officers. Naturally enough, I have a deep interest in the welfare of this branch of Pythian Brotherhood, it being my knightly birthplace and the centre of many pleasant associations. It would not become me to boast of our achievements, but I may say, with truth and a due degree of modesty, that we are firmly established in all the tenets of our Order, and have but to be practically tested to show that we are not Knights of Pythias in mere name, but endeavor to keep the frater-

nal hand of brotherly love always extended to all true Knights for a firm and cordial grasp.

Pawtuckaway Lodge No. 10, Epping.

This is also a harmonious body of Knights, who extended to me a most cordial reception. My official visit was made on the evening of October 16th, and although no work was performed, we had a pleasant evening, and I came away favorably impressed with the general condition of the Lodge.

Harmony Lodge No. 11

is composed of a band of earnest-hearted, generous men, who deserve much credit for the pride they have exhibited in the fitting and furnishing one of the neatest halls in this jurisdiction. I visited them on the evening of January 8th, 1878, and was courteously received and hospitably entertained. The financial standing of this Lodge is good, and but for the hard times that exist and which particularly affect the village of Farmington, as it is a shoe manufacturing town, Harmony Lodge would make as favorable a showing as that of any in the State. We wish them all the success they merit.

Oriental Lodge No. 12,

in Suncook, labors under the embarassment common to many of her sister Lodges, that of a small membership and few accessions thereto. The hard times and general dearth of business affect all, but more particularly the smaller towns, where if one industry fails, the business of the place is dead, and men are obliged to seek employment elsewhere. The members of Oriental Lodge are full believers in the principles of the Order and their courage is not wanting. May they finally achieve the prosperity they so truly merit.

Prospect Lodge No. 13, Great Falls.

On the 24th of October I visited Prospect Lodge and found it in excellent condition. They have a splendid Lodge room, with all the necessary paraphernalia, fitted up this season in an elegant manner, the walls frescoed, and the floors richly carpeted, giving a fine effect. I was informed that the expense of thus fitting and furnishing their apartments was about seven hundred dollars. I saw the work in the third rank, and was much gratified with the apparent appreciation by each officer of his part. On the 26th of December, in company with my associate grand officer, I publicly

dedicated their new Castle Hall with appropriate ceremonies. Since the dedication of their new quarters I have learned that they held a fair and by the proceeds thereof have succeeded in wiping out the whole debt and leaving their exchequer in a satisfactory condition.

District Deputy Grand Chancellor MOSES writes me, under date of February 4th, "We have initiated during the term eight members. On the whole I think the prospect of our Lodge was never better."

MYRTLE LODGE NO. 14

was officially visited on the night of January 3d, the Chancellor Commander calling a special meeting for the purpose. I installed the officers elect, and found the Lodge in good working trim, with a generous-hearted, hopeful band of members, having evidently the foundation principles of our Order firmly engrafted in their hearts.

HILLSBOROUGH LODGE NO. 17, HILLSBOROUGH BRIDGE.

This is a thriving little Lodge, harmonious and prosperous, and as enterprising as any that can be found in the State. I visited this Lodge October 15th, and although the night was stormy without, everything was quiet and orderly within. I witnessed the work on the first rank which was exceedingly well done. The field of labor for the Lodge is smaller than many of its contemporaries, yet it is destined to a high place among our roll of Lodges.

District Deputy Grand Chancellor JACKMAN writes me under date of January 19th, 1878, as follows: "We are fitting up a new hall and harmony and peace prevail. We are getting along nicely. I think it would be hard to find a Lodge more united than this. Every one wants to do his share of the work and bear his share of the burden."

MORNING STAR LODGE NO. 18, MILTON MILLS.

This is a young Lodge, having been instituted January 19, 1877. It was my pleasure on my official visit on the evening of October 12th to witness the conferring of the first and second ranks, which was done in a manner highly creditable to the officers of this youthful organization of Pythian brethren. There was a manifest familiarity with the work that would have done credit to any Lodge in my jurisdiction.

MEMBERSHIP.

Total membership January 1st, 1877,	. . . . .	1.111
" " July 1st, "	. . . . .	1,151
" " January 1st, 1878,	. . . . .	1,139
Total increase during the year,	. . . . .	28

I would respectfully refer you to the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, for the membership of the several Lodges in detail.

FUNDS

Whole amount of money on hand and invested, January 1st, 1877, ...	$5,144 46
On hand and invested July 1st, 1877, . . .	5,120 94
" " January 1st, 1878. . .	6,178 45
Increase for the year, ...	1,033 99

NEW LODGES.

On the 16th of November, 1877, in company with the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, I visited Franklin Falls, for the purpose of considering the matter of instituting a Lodge there. We found a petition signed by some of the best men in the village, requesting that a Lodge be established, and after leaving them the necessary instructions in regard to the preliminary steps, we left. Since then I have heard nothing from them directly, but have learned that, shortly after, one of the leaders in the matter, an enterprising lawyer, had removed to another part of the State; and thus the project of forming a Lodge had thereby received a temporary check. I am led to believe, however, that in a short time the thing will be accomplished, as it is a good field for such an institution, and there are enough in the village who are sufficiently interested in the matter not to let it fail.

February 6th, 1878, I had the pleasure of instituting Dionysius Lodge No. 19, of Northwood, with a membership of sixteen, in which I was assisted by delegations from Epping, Farmington, Riverside Lodge of Maine, and Palestine Lodge of Haverhill, Massachusetts. I can assure you, brothers, this Lodge is composed of men of character, who occupy positions of trust in the town. I think I can safely say this Lodge bids fair to rank with the best Lodges of the State.

I would recommend the loan of the paraphernalia belonging to the Grand Lodge, giving them a chance to purchase it at reduced rate on time. I would also recommend that you grant them a charter.

To the brothers of Dionysius Lodge, No. 18, I would return my sincere thanks for their kindness to me while with them.

I have appointed as District Deputy Grand Chancellor of this Lodge, Past Chancellor WILLIAM M. FURBER.

CIRCULARS.

PORTSMOUTH, March 29, 1877.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XIV.

BROTHERS: It having come to the knowledge of the Grand Chancellor of this jurisdiction, and complaint having been made to me by the Grand Chancellor of the State of Maine, that certain persons in said jurisdiction have been initiated into the Order in this jurisdiction, without the knowledge or consent of their Grand Chancellor, I would respectfully call the attention of the Subordinate Lodges to Sections 14 and 15, Article VIII of the Supreme Lodge Constitution, viz:

SEC. 14. A candidate for membership residing in a jurisdiction other than the one in which his proposition is offered, shall not be initiated without the written consent of the Lodge nearest his residence.

SEC. 15. No rank shall be conferred on a brother who is a non-resident of the jurisdiction, or who is a member of another Lodge, without first obtaining the permission of the Lodge to which the brother is attached.

It is my earnest desire that we adhere strictly to the rules and regulations governing Pythian Knighthood.

In F. C. and B.,
W. O. SIDES,
Grand Chancellor.

Official:
W. E. MOORE, *G. K. R. S.*

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., July 2, 1877.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XIV.

BROTHERS: Supreme Chancellor S. S. DAVIS having informed me that circulars and documents of an unofficial character, relating to the laws, forms and work of the Order, are being sent to Subordinate Lodges and to members of our Order in this State, I trust you will not permit any such printed matter to be circulated among the brothers. Especially is it desired that an unofficial Digest, purporting to be the laws of the Supreme Lodge, be not

recognized, and the Official Digest, which is soon to be issued under the seal of the Supreme Lodge, be procured as generally as is possible.

It is especially important that in order to avoid confusion and mistakes, we must preserve ourselves from the unauthorized publication of matters pertaining to the grand work of our institutions.

I desire also to call your attention to the great destitution among members of our Order, caused by the recent fire in St. Johns, N. B. It has not only destroyed the property of the two Lodges there, but it has laid waste many homes of our brethren and deprived a large number of the comforts of life. Any money for their relief sent to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal will be promptly applied.

Yours, truly and fraternally,
W. O. SIDES,
Grand Chancellor.

A true copy, attest:
W. E. MOORE, *G. K. R. S.*

PORTSMOUTH, Nov. 9th, 1877.

To District Deputy Grand Chancellors:

Circumstances have arisen which make it necessary that the Supreme Chancellor change the S. A. P. W. I enclose the new one for you to promulgate immediately, to go into use at once. I would request you to urge upon your Lodge and its members the greatest vigilance in preventing imposters from entering your Lodge, or obtaining any information of the members. Instruct your Lodge to admit no person not known to them as a member of our Order, until they produce an Official Receipt for dues, and prove to them of what Lodge they are a member.

Fraternally,
W. O. SIDES,
Grand Chancellor.

PORTSMOUTH, Dec. 17th, 1877.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XIV.

To District Deputy Grand Chancellors:

Under instructions from the Supreme Chancellor, you are again directed to see that the order of November 9th is rigidly enforced. No one must be admitted to your meetings not known personally

as members in good standing in the Lodge, unless they produce an official receipt for dues, prove what Lodge they are members of, and, after January 1st, be in possession of the S. A. P. W. herewith promulgated.

The pass-word can never be given to any person not a member of your Lodge, without an order from the Chancellor Commander of the Lodge to which he claims to belong, this order to be attested by the Keeper of Records and Seal, under seal of his Lodge. He must also produce an official receipt that is not out of date, or that shall prove him in good financial standing.

You will please cause your Lodge to send in their old Installation Books at once, with one dollar accompanying the same, if not already done. The use of the new Form of Installation is made obligatory upon all, and if not applied for soon they will be sent C. O. D. to your K. of R. and S.

Will you please make inquiry as to what blanks, if any, are needed in your Lodge, and apply for them at once. Do not fail to send in to this office the certificates of all Past Chancellors entitled to them, as soon after January 1st as practicable, together with the semi-annual return and per capita tax.

The S. A. P. W. for the ensuing term is given below, and you are requested to acknowledge its receipt.

Yours fraternally, in F. C. and B.,

WILLIAM O. SIDES,

Grand Chancellor.

A true copy, attest:

W. E. MOORE, *G. K. R. S.*

DECISIONS.

(1.) Can a member suspended from a Lodge for non-payment of dues, and the Lodge afterwards becoming defunct, restore his membership? If so, how?

Answer —He should pay to the Grand Lodge the amount of dues and assessments charged on the books of the Lodge when he was suspended, if that amount can be ascertained. The Grand Chancellor can issue a Withdrawal Card, signed by himself and attested by the signature of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, under seal of the Grand Lodge, which is good in any Lodge or jurisdiction. If the amount cannot be ascertained, I should say he is required to pay six dollars to the Grand Lodge — two for Withdrawal Card and four dollars to clear him on the books of his Lodge.

(2.) Is the Digest issued by the Chicago parties official?

Answer.—Not unless approved by the Supreme Chancellor or

Committee of Laws and Supervision of Laws of the Supreme Lodge.

(3.) The chair of the Chancellor Commander is vacant in our Lodge, (Myrtle No. 14) and we would enquire of you to know how it shall be filled, whether by the Vice Chancellor, or by some Past Chancellor for the remainder of the term?

Yours, in F. C. and B.,
WILLIAM BARNETT,
K. of R. and S.

Answer.—All vacancies shall be filled in the manner of the original selection, by election or appointment, and officers so serving shall be entitled to the honors of the term. You can elect your Vice Chancellor to the position of Chancellor Commander and fill the Vice Chancellor's chair in the same manner.

Permission was granted to Rising Sun Lodge to change the place of meeting, also to postpone a meeting.

Permission was granted Concord Lodge to parade June 2, 1877.

March 30, 1877, a dispensation was granted Morning Star Lodge No. 18, to propose, elect and confer the three ranks on one and the same evening.

ENDOWMENT RANK.

This rank, adopted at the last session of the Supreme Lodge, is one of the most beautiful features of our Order, and I cannot refrain from briefly alluding to it. Its principal advantage consists in the fact that it affords the cheapest known method of life insurance, controlled and supervised by members of the Order, who are alike interested in the integrity of the brotherhood and the honor of the new rank. It secures to our wives and children (or whoever we may designate) from one to three thousand dollars, according as the insurer may elect. Having no personal interest in the matter, save as it will further the good of the Order, I can conscientiously urge the importance of every brother receiving this rank.

There are now ninety Sections and a membership of two thousand. Sections have been instituted in this jurisdiction in Dover, Portsmouth, Concord, Nashua, Manchester, Farmington, Exeter and Newmarket.

REPRESENTATION IN SUPREME LODGE.

I would call the attention of this grand body to the importance and necessity of electing Representatives to the Supreme Lodge,

selecting from those who are members of the Endowment Rank, in order that its benefits and general advantages may be properly set forth and explained.

It seems to me (and I merely throw it out as a subject for your consideration) that when the membership in this Endowment Rank shall reach the number of 30,000, it should be separated into three divisions; the first to embrace Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania; the remaining States to be equally divided.

I would also suggest to this grand body the propriety of considering the necessity of instructing the Supreme Representatives to discuss the matter of convening the Supreme Lodge every year instead of once in two years, as at present. It occurs to me that our Order has grown to such proportions that an annual session of the Supreme Lodge would more fully conduce to our prosperity.

PRINTING.

I would also suggest the propriety of having our printing done by contract, and let out to the lowest responsible bidder. The amount of work of this character for the Grand Lodge is quite an item, and the need of getting it performed at low prices is too obvious to need any explanation here.

RELIEF.

Among other matters of interest it may not be amiss for me to state that just after the great fire at St. Johns, N. B., in imitation of other societies for relief, I issued an appeal to the Order of our jurisdiction for aid for suffering brethren in this desolated city. I received a response from only one Lodge (Damon Lodge No. 9, of Portsmouth) which sent ten dollars, and which was promptly forwarded.

CONCLUSION.

I cannot close my report without extending my heartfelt thanks to all who have been connected with me in an associate official capacity during my term of office, as well as to every brother Knight throughout the State with whom I have had dealings. The memories of their forbearance as well as their numerous courtesies will ever live with me as a reminder of the friendly, charitable and benevolent virtues of our noble Order.

May these characteristics ever continue to grow and thrive

among us, until our beloved brotherhood of Knights of Pythias shall be as distinguished for its excellencies of character as were its patron saints, Damon and Pythias, for their self-sacrificing devotion to each other.

Fraternally submitted,
W. O. SIDES,
Grand Chancellor.

The foregoing report, at the conclusion of the reading, was referred to the Committee on Laws and Supervision, a vacancy in that committee, occasioned by the absence of Past Grand Chancellor DANIEL E. HOWARD, being filled by the appointment of L. L. ALDRICH of No. 3.

The Grand Master of Exchequer, L. K. PEACOCK, then presented his annual report, as follows:

REPORT OF GRAND MASTER OF EXCHEQUER.

MANCHESTER, February 7th, 1878.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XIV.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

The Grand Master of Exchequer would ask leave to present his report for the past year:

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 1, 1877—Cash in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer, last report,	390 87
Sept. 18, 1877—Received from W. E. MOORE, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal,	306 89
Sept. 18, 1877—Received on note from State Capital Bank, Concord,	100 00
Jan. 8, 1878—Received from WM. E. MOORE, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal,	75 00
Feb. 7, 1878—Received from WM. E. MOORE, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal,	186 03
Making a total of—	$1,058 79

DISBURSEMENTS.

Accounted for as follows:

Feb. 1, 1877—Paid bill of FRANK E. ROLLINS,	94 59
" Paid WM. E. MOORE, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, extra salary,	25 00
Feb. 12, 1877—Paid Supreme Representative's Tax,	150 00
" Paid for bank check for same,	25
April 2, 1877—Paid W. E. MOORE, account of printing Grand Lodge Proceedings,	125 00
Sept. 19, 1877—Paid for printing the balance of Grand Lodge Proceedings,	235 00
" Paid bill for postage, supplies, and one half year's salary, G. K. R. S.,	95 94
" Paid bill of FRANK E. ROLLINS,	6 90
" Paid interest on note at bank,	2 39
Oct 19, 1877—Paid bill of W. E. MOORE, printing,	19 42
Nov. 17, 1877—Paid for new Installation Books,	16 00
Jan. 10, 1878—Paid note at State Capital Bank,	100 00
Making a total of—	870 49
Balance of cash in hands of G. M. of E.,	188 30
	$1,058 79

Respectfully submitted,
LORENZO K. PEACOCK,
Grand Master of Exchequer.

The foregoing report was referred to the Committee on Finance, consisting of EUGENE P. NUTE of No. 11, G. F. SHEDD of No. 5, and F. J. PILLSBURY of No. 8.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal then presented and read his annual report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.

MANCHESTER, February 1, 1878.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XIV.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

BROTHERS: I have the pleasure of presenting to you my third annual report, detailing the official transactions of my office during the Pythian year just closed, and directing your attention to

the general condition and progress of the Order in this jurisdiction, so far as revealed by its correspondence and by the official statistics.

Upon presenting my last report, occasion was taken to allude to the unexampled depression in the business and commercial circles of the country, and the consequent unfavorable influence exerted upon the growth and prosperity of our Order; and while these adverse conditions have seriously affected nearly every class of our citizens, their results have been severest in the manufacturing towns and cities of our State. I regret to say that in place of an improvement in this respect the evil has apparently grown and intensified with the lapse of time, while a lamentable want of confidence in the stability of our social institutions, and the injury done our credit system by multiplied business failures, have borne their malign harvest of suspicion and discouragement. That our Order should hold its own through these unsettled times is indeed surprising; and although in this jurisdiction we have been compelled to encounter "seven other devils worse than the first," we have improved upon the record of the previous year, and now show a net increase of twenty-eight members, as compared with about one-third that number in 1877.

But there are other considerations which yield additional ground for congratulation. The Order has steadily grown more in the strength and good character than in the mere aggregate of its membership, and we stand before the world to-day — even when brought into critical comparison with kindred institutions — in better favor than ever before. The varied experience of the past has taught us to estimate our institution at its right value, and with enlarged self-respect and self-reliance, the Order has consequently exerted a wider and a nobler influence.

The number of Lodges in this jurisdiction has been augmented by one during the year; but, like "the little leaven that leaveneth the whole lump," the spirit of the Order has been quietly but none the less surely at work.

The Grand Chancellor has already informed you of the prospects for a new Lodge at Franklin Falls, and also of the reasons that made it necessary to defer action. At the last moment — literally at the eleventh hour, on the night before the assembling of this grand body,—Grand Chancellor SIDES has succeeded in instituting a Lodge at East Northwood. His labors at other points have not, I trust, been in vain, and although he may not have achieved success, "he has done more—he has deserved it." His hand has sown the good seed, and I am certain that no one will rejoice more heartily than he at the ripened harvest which it may be the lot of another to reap.

In this connection I may be permitted to mention that I have had some correspondence with parties at North Sutton, looking to the formation of a Lodge there. But the matter is not sufficiently advanced to justify any predictions.

These, with other cheering indications, show that the Order is making itself felt, that we are winning "golden opinions from all sorts of people," and that we have only to possess our souls in patience and continue true to the principles of our glorious fraternity to reach sooner or later a place second to none among the brotherhoods of the world.

The semi-annual reports for 1877 have all been received from the Subordinate Lodges, the last coming to hand February 2d, leaving but five days in which to consolidate the returns, and making it impracticable to give the usual statistics in detail.

The two suspended Lodges remain substantially as at the date of the last report; but I am happy to add that after patient waiting I have been enabled to obtain possession of the paraphernalia of Sullivan Lodge. As the result of a long and intermittent correspondence, and after the expense of two visits to Claremont in person, the property was finally sent to me by express on the 31st of August last, and the key was subsequently sent by mail. You will observe that the Grand Lodge has now in its possession two complete second-hand outfits. This property I have not found time to examine, but I understand in a general way that not more than one set could be depended upon for use in instituting a new Lodge, and even then perhaps only temporarily, pending the purchase of new paraphernalia.

I would recommend that the Grand Lodge take some action at this session, fixing the price of these supplies, in case opportunity is offered to dispose of the whole or part to new Lodges.

The paraphernalia formerly belonging to Norris Lodge No. 16, of Pittsfield, having been temporarily loaned to Morning Star Lodge No. 18, at Milton Mills, was returned to the Grand Lodge in November last, the brothers at Milton Mills having decided to purchase a new outfit.

The "Official Receipts" have been furnished through this office during the year to the several Subordinate Lodges. I desire to say, for the information of those ordering them and in behalf of my successor in office, that these receipts are printed to order at Columbus, Ohio; that some time is necessarily consumed in sending and filling the order; and I hope that calls made hereafter for these receipts may be given in advance, so as to allow a reasonable time in which to execute the work.

But few Lodges have thus far purchased the "Official Digest."

There are now on hand a few copies, which may be had on application, upon payment of one dollar each.

The following circular and accompanying letter sufficiently explain themselves:

NASHUA, N. H., April 25th, 1877.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XIV.

To the Officers and Members of Supreme, Grand, and Subordinate Lodges, Knights of Pythias:

BROTHERS: A complete Official Digest of the Laws of the Supreme Lodge is being prepared by order of the Supreme Lodge, and as soon as possible will be printed and offered for sale. Circumstances beyond our control have prevented an earlier issue of this work. The Digest submitted at the last session is being reviewed carefully, that no errors may appear, and the legislation of the last session added. As soon as it is in press we shall issue a circular stating when it will be ready for delivery, with price, which we shall make as low as possible. Any Digest issued by other parties is unauthorized, and put in print without our knowledge or approval. We trust all members of the Order will purchase an Official Digest, which alone can be authority in the Order. We would request all Grand Keepers of Records and Seal to forward a copy of this circular at once to each officer of their Grand Lodge, and to each Subordinate Lodge in their jurisdiction.

Fraternally, in F. C. B.,
S. S. DAVIS,
Supreme Chancellor.

Attest:
JOSEPH DOWDALL,
Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Nov. 3, 1877.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XIV.

Bro. W. E. Moore, G. K. R. S.

Yours of 1st inst. received. I send you five Official Digests by mail, as you request. I have not sold enough to pay the printer. He gets the money as fast as I do. As you are a printer, you know how to sympathise.

Fraternally,
J. DOWDALL,
S. K. R. S.

The per capita tax due the Supreme Lodge was promptly paid at the time called for.

The following letter gives the history of the last act in the comedy of the "Acroatic Agendas," so far as relates to this jurisdiction:

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Feb. 7, 1877.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XIV.

Bro. W. E. Moore, G. K. R. S. of New Hampshire:

Some days since I wrote you that I had not received any Acroatic Agendas from you. I was mistaken, as I find them on file, marked, "Received July 10, 1876." They are numbered as follows: 100, 99, 89, 87, 92, 90, 95, 94, 93, 98, 96, 86.

I am sorry I did not discover the error sooner.

Fraternally yours,
J. DOWDALL,
S. K. R. S.

During the year just closed, the use of jewels in the place of regalia seems to have come into more general favor. Under the law requiring all new Lodges to purchase them, Morning Star No. 18, at Milton Mills, was at its institution supplied with a full set, costing $25.00. In December last Rising Sun No. 7, at Rochester, was provided with a similar set, application having been made for them through this office. At a later date the same Lodge ordered six Past Chancellor's jewels, which I think are for the first time worn at this session. Prospect Lodge No 13, at Great Falls, has also indulged itself in a set of jewels for its officers and attendants. A jewel was also presented to Past Chancellor NAYLOR of the same Lodge, presumably in recognition of faithful and meritorious service.

NEW INSTALLATION BOOKS.

Under date of November 8th, 1877, a "Circular of Instructions" was received from the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, directing me to call in all the old Installation Books and to replace them with the new form of service. This was done, and I have supplied all the working Lodges with four copies each of the authorized form. The old copies were sent to me with $1.00 cash in exchange, making the cost to the jurisdiction only $16.00. This transaction will appear in the financial report. The old copies are to be destroyed.

PRINTING PROCEEDINGS.

I have little to add to the tale that our printed proceedings have to tell for themselves. The committee has performed its duty as in its judgment will ultimately be for the best good of the Order. In its general style and execution it is believed the work will compare favorably with any similar publication in the country. Past Grand Chancellor STORY gave me his valuable assistance whenever called upon, and the remaining member of the committee signified his adhesion to the plan in the following letter:

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 14, 1877.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Yours received. Have no suggestions to make. Have no doubt but that you will do the proper thing, and you have my consent (if it is necessary) to do whatever you think best.

Fraternally yours,
FRANK D. WOODBURY.

To W. E. MOORE, *G. K. R. S.*

Unusual pains were taken on the part of the committee to have the work full, giving a *complete* record of our transactions. After the completion of the volume the following circular was issued:

MANCHESTER, June 20th, 1877.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XIV.

To Subordinate Lodges:

BROTHERS: I send you this day by mail copies of the printed Journal of Proceedings of the last two annual sessions of the Grand Lodge, for the use of your Past Chancellors.

A limited number of extra copies have been printed, which may be had on application to this office, at $1.00 each, a little more than the cost of printing. Owing to the unusual length of the reports the expense of issuing the Proceedings has exceeded the estimate made, and it is desirable that your officers and members should aid in defraying the extra expense by ordering copies of the work. The sale of one hundred additional copies would enable the Grand Lodge to meet its bills, without overdrawing the current revenue for the year, and it is believed that a sufficient amount of valuable and interesting information will be found to well repay the investment.

Fraternally, in F. C. B.,
W. E. MOORE,
G. K. of R. and S.

To the above circular no attention whatever has been paid, and not a single copy has to my knowledge been sold. But I am still of the opinion that the publication is a good investment, and it has been a source of no small gratification to me that, in answering applications for our Proceedings, I have been able to transmit creditable copies. And especially in cases of application from strangers who desire information concerning our Order, and who may contemplate interesting themselves in the establishment of new Lodges, by sending well-printed journals of the proceedings of the grand body they may be led to entertain a higher respect for our institution than they could obtain in any other way. In this connection I beg leave to repeat what was said upon this theme in my report of last year, as follows:

I believe this grand body will lose nothing in printing its Proceedings annually hereafter, and in creditable style. I know of no better way of placing the claims of our Order before our sister organizations, and the public at large, than by its printed records. By these volumes, and by the interest of their contents, shall we be largely judged, and I am convinced that even in an economical point of view it is money well invested that is spent prudently in placing a public record of our transactions before the world.

In reference to the item of expense for printing these proceedings, now so serious a draft upon our revenue, I would say that owing to the reduced cost of labor and material the same work could be duplicated at a reduction of about twenty-five cents per page, making a difference of about forty dollars in the cost; and I have no doubt that the next volume of transactions may be printed in equally good style at a still larger reduction.

I am happy to say that, notwithstanding the unusual outlay in this direction, the income was found sufficient to meet it.

REPORT OF SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

The following is the text of the report made by your Representatives to the Supreme Lodge:

DOVER, N. H., Sept. 10th, 1877.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XIV.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

We, the undersigned, Supreme Representatives to the ninth annual session of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the World, most respectfully submit the following report:

The Supreme Lodge met in the beautiful city of Cleveland, Ohio, August 14th, 1877, with a large attendance, there being thirty-two grand jurisdictions represented.

Our session was held in the new court-room, where the brothers of Cleveland gave the Supreme Lodge a grand reception to their city in a welcome speech by His Honor Mayor Rose, responded to by Grand Chancellor L. S. DUNCAN, of Ohio. Welcome address in behalf of the Grand Lodge of Ohio by Supreme Representative L. FIRESTONE, of Ohio, responded to by the Supreme Chancellor, S. S. DAVIS.

Our session opened in due form Tuesday, August 24th, and continued its conventions until 12.40 o'clock, A. M., Saturday the 18th.

At the conclusion of the Tuesday morning session, the officers and members of the Supreme Lodge took carriages, provided for them by the Knights of Cleveland, and were escorted by a procession of Knights through the beautiful streets of the city. In the evening we were tendered a grand banquet, where toasts were offered and responded to, making the occasion one of knightly courtesy, and long to be remembered.

The Supreme Chancellor's report had been printed, and was ready for the members at the opening of the session, which contained important decisions and recommendations. The decisions were all sustained, which now become laws by which we are governed.

DECISIONS.

Is a member that is maimed, by the loss of an arm or otherwise, eligible to office in a Grand or Subordinate Lodge? Answer, Yes.

Must a member be notified of his indebtedness before suspension? Yes — if his residence is known.

Is a member suspended from the Lodge if no declaration of his suspension is made by the Chancellor Commander, when twelve months or more in arrears for dues? Answer, No. The record of the declaration made is the proper evidence of his suspension. The declaration of suspension is as binding as suspension, and a part of it.

What is the status of a member who is twelve months or more in arrears for dues, and no declaration of suspension having been made by the Chancellor Commander, and his membership is not severed? Answer, The Lodge has not complied with the law. He may at any time before the declaration is made tender the amount due the Lodge, and it must be received; and he is restored to membership in good standing, so far as the payment of dues affects it, under local laws. Should he at the same time apply for a withdrawal card he would be entitled to it, if no charges were pending against him.

Can a member remain in the Lodge when in session, if not in

possession of the semi-annual password! Answer, No — if not entitled to it by the payment of dues, under the local laws.

Can a Chancellor Commander give the semi-annual password to a member of another Lodge, without both the order of the Chancellor Commander, signed and sealed, and a Supreme Lodge official receipt? Answer, No.

OTHER IMPORTANT LEGISLATION.

The Supreme Chancellor was authorized to visit Great Britain, Germany and Cuba for the purpose of establishing the Order in those countries.

Special committee on preparing design for badge and jewel for the founder of the Order presented a design, which was adopted, and one hundred dollars appropriated to procure the same.

A Declaration of Principles was adopted.

All withdrawal cards not revoked or deposited are good, and may be received by any Lodge on deposit and application for membership.

The Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal was instructed to furnish Frontier Lodge No. 4, St. Johns, New Brunswick, with a full set of supplies, such as are furnished to new Lodges, free of charge, theirs having been burned in the late fire.

A committee to report at the next session was appointed, to prepare written and unwritten work for the new or Uniform Rank, to which none shall be admitted who are not willing to purchase uniforms for drilling.

A new Form of Installation was adopted.

Report of Committee on Laws and Supervision, providing that after 1878 the Supreme Lodge shall meet once in two years, on the fourth Tuesday in August, was adopted.

A member cannot be suspended, if in arrears for fines and assessments to the amount of one year's dues, if charged as dues, he being square on the books for quarterly dues.

Justus H. Rathbone (the founder of our Order) was declared our lecturer on "The Origin, Rise and Progress of our Order," and that he visit the various Subordinate Lodges upon their invitation, said Lodges defraying all expenses of said visitation.

The Endowment Rank was adopted. This matter, which provides for the payment of two thousand dollars on the death of a member, has long been under consideration by the Supreme Lodge, and its adoption, it is confidently believed, will have the effect to awaken a renewed interest in the Order and largely increase our membership. The work of the rank is one of the most beautiful and impressive forms of our Order. It is now in the

hands of a committee who will soon have it perfected and promulgated.

Ranks must be balloted for the same as admission.

Persons not members of the Order may testify for or against an officer or member on trial under charges.

Under the laws of the Supreme Lodge, requiring the payment of sick and funeral benefits to members in good standing, a Subordinate Lodge cannot so frame its by-laws as to deprive a Knight of such benefits for one year after attaining that rank.

An Official Digest has been prepared and published, and is now ready for the Lodges. It is very important that Lodges procure at least one copy, as it contains the official acts and laws by which we are governed.

Uniform divisions elect their own company or battalion officers. At parades of Grand Jurisdictions the Grand Chancellor is in command; at national parades, the Supreme Chancellor.

The next session of the Supreme Lodge is to be held at Indianapolis, Indiana, on the first Tuesday in August, 1878.

Respectfully submitted,

In F. C. and B.,

DANIEL E. HOWARD,
JAMES F. SEAVEY,
Supreme Representatives.

A true copy, attest:

W. E. MOORE, G. K. R. S.

ENDOWMENT RANK.

It may not be considered out of place to express unqualified approval of the Endowment Rank, which in all its features commends itself to my best judgment. I regard it as a fit adjunct to our noble Order, and the "crown and glory" of the fraternal edifice. Supreme Chancellor DAVIS says:

I am pleased to report that where the Endowment Rank has been received and Sections instituted there has been awakened a greater interest with the members of our Order. Some weak Lodges are made strong by the return of worthy members who were suspended for non-payment of dues, and men who have hitherto manifested no desire to become members are seeking admission to our Order. More than fifty Sections have been, or are being instituted, and frequent applications are being made for Sections. I predict that the Endowment Rank will be a grand success, and that the benefit that it will prove in awakening an interest in the Order generally, will exceed the most sanguine expectations.

PUBLIC DEDICATION.

Prospect Lodge No. 13, of Great Falls, having fitted up and made ready for occupancy a new Castle Hall, formally dedicated

the same to Pythian uses, on the evening of December 26th. By invitation of the Lodge, and in company with other grand officers, it was my privilege to assist in the dedicatory services, which were of a public character. The hall was well filled with members of the Order and invited guests. The exercises were brief but interesting, the musical part of the programme being noticeable for its excellence. The hall and ante-rooms are as beautiful as they are convenient, and are fitted up in an elaborate yet tasteful manner. At the conclusion of the exercises in the hall an adjournment was had to the hotel, where provision had been made for a collation — deserving rather the name of a banquet — for the array of tempting and appetizing viands was most liberal. The whole occasion was one of great enjoyment to the grand officers, and it is hoped and believed the affair will contribute to the continued prosperity of No. 13, always ranking as one of the most reliable in the jurisdiction. In justice to a most worthy brother, I cannot leave this subject without according great and deserved credit to Past Chancellor KIRK W. MOSES, whose efforts for the good of the Order, although ever performed in a modest and unassuming manner, claim and receive our willing recognition.

TRANSPORTATION.

Through the efforts of our Grand Vice Chancellor, CHARLES M. LANG, reduced rates for transportation were secured for members of the Grand Lodge, over the Concord Railroad and branches, also a like reduction from Hillsborough Bridge, which had never before been granted. The officers of the Concord road have always been willing to grant our Order equal privileges in this particular with other similar organizations.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The attention of the Grand Lodge is respectfully called to the "Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence," presented but not read at the last session. The report, however, was ordered to be printed, and may be found in the last volume of Proceedings, pages 114 to 133 inclusive.

GRAND LODGE ROSTER.

The following resolution, offered by Supreme Chancellor DAVIS, was adopted at the last session:

Resolved, That the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be requested to provide a book, to be known as the "Roster of the Grand Lodge," containing full information needed. Also that a complete list of all the

Past Grand Chancellors, Past Chancellors and officers of this Grand Lodge, be prepared, containing the names of all Past Chancellors entitled to the rank.

Owing partly to want of time, by reason of the late sending in of the returns, and partly to want of funds, the book referred to has not been purchased, and I would here call the attention of my successor to the subject.

Having been authorized to purchase a suitable desk, for the more convenient keeping of the blanks and papers of the Grand Lodge, I desire to say that I have placed such a desk at the service of the grand body, at the nominal price of $10.00 — the original cost having been $25.00; and that if the Lodge sees proper to accept this action on my part, the property may be considered as having passed to its possession.

SEMI-ANNUAL RETURNS.

Upon examination of the semi-annual returns, we find a gratifying increase in membership over the previous year, the reports yielding the following comparative figures:

Membership January 1, 1877,	1,111
" July 1, 1877,	1,151
" January 1, 1878,	1,139
Increase during the year,	28

The following statement shows the aggregate increase of funds in the Subordinate Lodges, for the same period:

Amount on hand and invested January 1, 1877,	5,144 46
" " " July 1, 1877,	5,120 94
" " " January 1, 1878,	6,178 45
Net increase during the year,	1,033 99
Total amount paid for relief during the year,	$1,635 53

The above exhibit shows the practical direction of our charities, which are really the back-bone of our institution. May we never forget that "Help for the helpless" is the main aim and object of our fraternity. With this motto, at once the spirit and the letter of our Order, we cannot fail to win the esteem of our fellow-men and the good opinion of all whose good-will is worth the having.

The detailed statistical statement will appear in the consolidated return to the Supreme Lodge, and the figures will be found published in tabular form in the next Proceedings.

GRAND LODGE FUNDS.

I give below a summary of the financial account for the year, so far as the same relates to my office:

Whole amount of receipts to February 1, 1878, . .	964 81
Total disbursements, ...	787 03
Balance on hand February 1, 1878, ...	$177 78

The above balance, reported as on hand, has this day been paid over to the Grand Master of Exchequer. The items of the account may be examined at any time by any officer or member interested. The report of your Grand Master of Exchequer will give the full financial exhibit.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I have only to repeat what may seem a mere form of words destitute of meaning, but which nevertheless I feel constrained to place upon record, and that is, my sense of the knightly courtesy and brotherly consideration which have been accorded me at your hands; and my only regret is that no better service has been rendered in return for your continued confidence. With the kindest wishes for all with whom I have been associated, I now surrender the jewel of my office, adding the hope that its "purity of polish" may ever remain a fit emblem of Pythian honor.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM E. MOORE,
G. K. of R. and S.

The foregoing report was referred to the Committee on Laws and Supervision. The committee was subsequently excused from its consideration, and upon motion of Past Grand Chancellor SEAVEY the report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Finance made the following report:

MANCHESTER, N. H., Feb. 7, 1878.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the report of L. K. PEACOCK, Grand Master of Exchequer, beg leave to report that they have attended to their duties, and find his accounts correctly cast and properly vouched for. All of which is respectfully submitted.

In F. C. and B.,

EUGENE P. NUTE,
FRANK J. PILLSBURY,
Committee on Finance.

Voted to adopt the report.

The Committee on Laws and Supervision then made its report, as follows:

MANCHESTER, N. H., Feb. 7, 1878.

Your Committee on Laws and Supervision, to whom was referred the address of the Grand Chancellor, report that they have attended to their duty, and submit the following:

Resolved, That the reference of the Grand Chancellor to the death of Brother O. W. TOWNS be referred to a special committee to report appropriate resolutions.

Resolved, That in accordance with his suggestion Dionysius Lodge No. 19 be granted a charter, and that we approve of the appointment of WM. M. FURBER as District Deputy Grand Chancellor.

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Grand Chancellor in regard to paraphernalia be adopted.

Resolved, That Circulars Nos. 1, 2 and 3 be approved.

Resolved, That his remarks in regard to the Endowment Rank are timely, and should receive the careful consideration of all our Lodges.

J. T. S. LIBBY,
FRANK E. ROLLINS,
LEVI L. ALDRICH,
Committee on Laws and Supervision.

Considerable discussion followed the reading of the foregoing report, and it was finally voted that it be laid upon the table for one hour.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns made a final report which was adopted, as follows:

MANCHESTER, N. H., Feb. 7, 1877.

To the Officers and Past Chancellors of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

Your Committee on Returns, having examined the returns of the various Subordinate Lodges, would report as follows:

We find Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 13 and 18 correct. We find the following in error in their report of the Grand Lodge tax, in favor of themselves, in Nos. 2, 17 and 12; No. 3, incorrect in the items but not in the result; No. 8, error in balance on hand and in-

vested: No. 9, incorrectly itemized and error in Grand Lodge tax: No. 11, amount paid for per capita tax not reported: No. 14, not reported June term.

Fraternally submitted,

IRA DOE,
HENRY PEYSER,
G. F. SHEDD,
Committee on Returns.

The following amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, submitted in writing and signed by Past Chancellors DAVIS, LIBBY and AMSDEN, was adopted:

Resolved, That Section 5, Article X Constitution of the Grand Lodge, be amended by striking out the following, found in the last line, "the card to hold good for twelve months."

The following resolution was submitted in writing:

Resolved, That our Supreme Representatives be instructed to procure the passage of a law in the Supreme Lodge that shall make the password of the Grand Lodge rank a permanent word, as is the case with the ranks of the Subordinates.

IRA DOE.
FRANK E. ROLLINS.
JOHN W. SAUL.

Adopted.

An animated discussion here followed in regard to amending Section 4, Article VI of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, and the following was submitted:

Resolved, That Section 4, Article VI of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges be amended so as to read, "Should two or more black balls appear against a candidate the ballot shall be immediately retaken.

W. E. MOORE.
R. B. FOSS.
F. W. McKINLEY.
J. H. BLONQUIST.
FRANK E. ROLLINS.

Adopted.

The following resolution was submitted in writing:

Resolved, That the next session of the Grand Lodge be held at Rochester.

E. J. MATHES.
C. A. GILES.
F. FEINEMAN.
IRA DOE.
A. T. COTTON.
E. L. MOULTON.
GEO. H. WEBSTER.

After considerable discussion, the foregoing was adopted by a two-thirds vote.

At six o'clock in the afternoon, voted to take a recess until eight o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge assembled promptly at eight o'clock.

A bill due Grand Chancellor WILLIAM O. SIDES was presented, approved, and ordered to be paid.

Past Chancellors DAVID H. BEAN, of No. 3, and S. H. RAND, of No. 10, were then introduced and instructed in the Grand Lodge rank.

The Grand Chancellor then appointed the following Past Chancellors as a special committee, to prepare suitable resolutions on the death of Past Chancellor O. W. TOWNS, of Nashua Lodge No. 5: J. T. S. LIBBY of No. 6, G. F. SHEDD of No. 5, CURTIS WHITE of No. 8.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, and tellers having been appointed, the ballots were collected and counted, and the following declared elected:

CHARLES M. LANG, of Concord No. 8, Concord, *Grand Chancellor.*

WILLIAM E. MOORE, of Granite No. 3, Manchester, *Grand Vice Chancellor.*

WILLIAM A. FRYE, of Pioneer No. 1, Newmarket, *Grand Prelate.*

ALBERT T. COTTON, of Rising Sun No. 7, Rochester, *Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.*

LORENZO K. PEACOCK, of Concord No. 8, Concord, *Grand Master of Exchequer.*

RUFUS B. FOSS, of Harmony No. 11, Farmington, *Grand Master-at-Arms.*

FREDERICK NEWMAN, of Hillsborough No. 17, Hillsborough Bridge, *Grand Inner Guard.*

JOHN H. PINGREE, of Rising Sun No. 7, Rochester, *Grand Outer Guard.*

ALBERT STORY, of Merrimack No. 4, Manchester, *Supreme Representative.*

WILLIAM O. SIDES, of Damon No. 9, Portsmouth, *Past Grand Chancellor.*

The grand officers elect being all present were then duly installed in their respective positions by Supreme Chancellor S. S. DAVIS, assisted by Past Grand Chancellors J. T. S. LIBBY and J. FRANK SEAVEY.

The special committee, to draft resolutions in relation to the death of O. W. TOWNS, reported as follows:

WHEREAS, Brother Knight OSCAR W. TOWNS has been removed by the hand of death to the Grand Lodge above, therefore

Resolved, That we sincerely mourn the death of Past Chancellor TOWNS, who was a well beloved member of our Order, an earnest worker, and always interested in its success and welfare.

Resolved, That we should cherish his memory for his many knightly and manly qualities, and endeavor to imitate his many virtues.

Resolved, That we sincerely sympathise with his family in their deep affliction, and recommend them to the Father of us all for such consolation as He alone can give.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the afflicted family, and also spread upon the records.

J. T. S. LIBBY.
G. F. SHEDD.
CURTIS WHITE.
Committee.

Voted that the report be accepted and adopted.

The Grand Lodge then voted to take from the table, for further consideration, the report of the Committee on Laws and Supervision, in relation to the annual report of the Grand Chancellor. A discussion thereon ensued, participated in by Past Chancellors DAVIS, LIBBY, MOORE, ALDRICH, NEWMAN, ROLLINS and DOE.

The committee submitted the following resolutions, as an amendment to the report:

Resolved, That your committee approve of the decisions numbered (1) and (2), also the permissions and dispensations of the Grand Chancellor, and would also approve of the suggestions in regard to printing.

Resolved, That we do not approve the third ruling, as it is not according to our laws and usages.

A vote being taken upon the amendment it was accepted, and the report as amended was adopted.

Voted, That Dionysius Lodge No. 19 be granted the privilege of purchasing one of the two sets of paraphernalia now in the possession of the Grand Lodge, paying therefor within a reasonable time the sum of fifty dollars.

The following resolution, introduced by Past Chancellor F. E. ROLLINS, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be returned to Granite Lodge No. 3, and Merrimack Lodge No. 4, for the use of their hall, and for courtesies extended to this grand body during its session.

On motion, *Voted*, That a committee of three Past Chancellors be appointed to prepare a Constitution for this Grand Lodge and for Subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Chancellor appointed the following to constitute said committee: S. S. DAVIS of No. 5, W. E. MOORE of No. 3, F. E. ROLLINS of No. 2.

Voted, That the foregoing committee be further instructed to report rules for the government of this Grand Lodge.

Voted, That the Grand Master of Exchequer be authorized to provide funds for the payment of the Supreme Representative tax, in case the amount in the Grand Lodge treasury should not be sufficient for that purpose.

The Grand Chancellor then announced the following standing committees for the ensuing year:

On Laws and Supervision of Laws:

J. T. S. LIBBY, of No. 6.
F. E. ROLLINS, of No. 2.
W. O. SIDES, of No. 9.

On Finance:

A. T. COTTON, of No. 7.
CURTIS WHITE, of No. 8.
ALBERT STORY, of No. 4.

On Appeals and Grievances:

J. F. SEAVEY, of No. 6.
F. J. PILLSBURY, of No. 8.
E. J. MATHES, of No. 7.

On Foreign Correspondence:

L. K. PEACOCK, of No. 8.
FRANK E. BEAN, of No. 10.
W. K. CHADWICK, of No. 6.

On Printing:

W. E. MOORE, of No. 3.
F. D. WOODBURY, of No. 8.
JOHN W. SAUL, of No. 8.

The Grand Chancellor then announced the appointment of District Deputy Grand Chancellors for the several Lodges as follows:

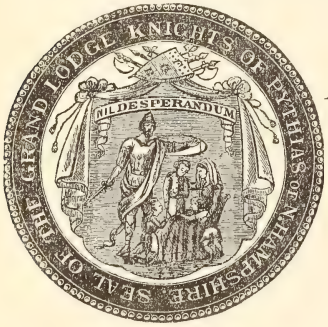
Pioneer No. 1—ANDREW J. WATTERSON.
Swampscott No. 2—ALBERT L. CARLISLE.
Granite No. 3 and Merrimack No. 4—L. L. ALDRICH.
Nashua No. 2—GEORGE F. SHEDD.
Olive Branch No. 6—THOMAS E. CUSHING.
Rising Sun No. 7—GEORGE H. WEBSTER.
Concord No. 8—JOHN MCCAULEY.
Damon No. 9—WILLIAM O. SIDES.
Pawtuckaway No. 10—S. H. RAND.
Harmony No. 11—EUGENE P. NUTE.
Oriental No. 12—FREDERICK G. EVANS.
Prospect No. 13—WILLIAM H. NAYLOR.
Myrtle No. 14—HENRY T. FOOTE.
Hillsborough No. 17—IRA W. JACKMAN.
Morning Star No. 19—FREEMAN E. STEVENS.
Dionysius No. 19—WILLIAM M. FURBER.

Voted, That the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and Grand Master of Exchequer be allowed ten days, in which to furnish acceptable bonds for the faithful performance of their official duties.

Voted, That Harmony Lodge No. 11 be given the privilege of forwarding to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal appropriate resolutions upon the death of Past Chancellor CHARLES B. RICHARDSON, of said Lodge.

Voted, That a charter be granted to Dionysius Lodge No. 19, of Northwood.

No further business coming before the Grand Lodge, it then, at eleven o'clock in the evening, adjourned to meet at Rochester on the first Thursday of February, A. D. 1879, unless called together sooner in special session.



A true record, attest:

ALBERT T. COTTON,

G. K. of R. and S.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION.

ROCHESTER, FEBRUARY 6, 1879.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XV.

The Grand Lodge met at the Castle Hall of Rising Sun Lodge, and was called to order by the Grand Chancellor, CHARLES M. LANG.

The following grand officers were present:

WILLIAM O. SIDES, *Past Grand Chancellor.*
CHARLES M. LANG, *Grand Chancellor.*
WILLIAM E. MOORE, *Grand Vice Chancellor.*
WILLIAM A. FRYE, *Grand Prelate.*
LORENZO K. PEACOCK, *Grand Master of Exchequer.*
ALBERT T. COTTON, *Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.*
RUFUS B. FOSS, *Grand Master-at-Arms.*
FREDERICK NEWMAN, *Grand Inner Guard.*
JOHN H. PINGREE, *Grand Outer Guard.*

The grand officers all being present, and a constitutional quorum in attendance, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, the Grand Prelate offering a solemn invocation, after which the opening ode was sung.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal commenced reading the minutes of the previous meeting, when it was voted that the further reading of the records be dispensed with.

The Grand Chancellor appointed Past Chancellors FRANK E. ROLLINS of No. 2, and WILLIAM KENNEDY and A. J. SIDES of No. 9, as the Committee on Finance, in place of A. T. COTTON, who declined to serve, and Past Chancellors CURTIS WHITE and ALBERT STORY, absent.

The Grand Chancellor also appointed the following Committee on Credentials and Returns: IRA DOE of No. 7, D. E. HOWARD of No. 8, and J. F. SEAVEY of No. 6.

The Grand Master of Exchequer, L. K. PEACOCK, then read his annual report, as follows:

REPORT OF GRAND MASTER OF EXCHEQUER.

ROCHESTER, February 6, 1879.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XV.

To the Officers and Past Chancellors of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire:

The Grand Master of Exchequer would ask leave to present his report for the year ending February 6th, 1879:

RECEIPTS.

February 7, 1878—Balance in hands of the Grand Master of Exchequer, ...	188 30
March 1, 1878—Cash received from ALBERT T. COTTON, on note, ...	100 00
January 12, 1878—Cash received from G. K. R. S.,	80 00
August 3, 1878— " " "	150 00
Sept. 2, 1878— " " "	130 00
Jan. 14, 1879— " " "	100 00
Jan. 22, 1879— " " "	100 00
Feb. 5, 1879— " " "	99 89
Making a total of	$948 19

DISBURSEMENTS.

Accounted for as follows:

February 7, 1878—Paid bill of WILLIAM O. SIDES, .	87 80
" 22, 1878—Paid Supreme Representative tax,	150 00
" " —Paid for bank check, . . .	25
July 1, 1878—Paid bill of Republican Press Asso'n,	5 75
July 31, 1878—Paid A. T. COTTON, for bill of M. C. Lilley & Co., ...	47 00
July 31, 1878—Paid for bank check, ...	15
Aug. 3, 1878—Paid note and interest, A. T. COTTON,	102 50
Oct. 10, 1878—Paid bill of Republican Press Asso'n,	2 75
Dec. 31, 1878— " " "	3 25
Feb. 3, 1879— " " "	4 25
Feb. 3, 1879—Paid for postage, ...	36
Feb. 5, 1879—Paid A. T. COTTON salary as G. K. R. S.,	50 03
Whole amount paid out, ...	454 06
Balance in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer,	494 10
	$948 19

Respectfully submitted,

L. K. PEACOCK,

G. M. of E.

The foregoing report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was then called for, presented and read, as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.

ROCHESTER, February 6th, 1879.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XV.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

BROTHERS: In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, I herewith present a report of my transactions as Grand Keeper of Records and Seal for the past year, with such statistics relating to the numerical and financial standing of the several Lodges as I have been able to glean from the semi-annual reports. Notwithstanding the financial depression that has prevailed throughout the country the past year, I am happy to state that the Order in this jurisdiction has largely in-

creased its membership, and made a gratifying gain in invested funds.

One new Lodge, Mount Belknap No. 20, has been instituted at Laconia, and now numbers thirty-two members, having added eight since June 11th, the date of its establishment.

With the return of better times it is but reasonable to expect that large accessions will be made to our ranks, and that Lodges will be established in sections of the State where the Order is now but little known.

STATISTICS OF THE ORDER.

The following statement compiled from the semi-annual reports shows the condition of the Order in this jurisdiction:

Whole number of Lodges January 1, 1878,		16
Since instituted,		2
Total number January 1, 1879,		18
Total membership January 1, 1878,		1154
To which add:		
Initiated during the year,	177	
Admitted by card,	6	
Reinstated,	34	217
		1371
From which deduct:		
Withdrawn by card,	10	
Suspended,	85	
Deceased,	13	108
Total membership January 1, 1879,		1263
Increase during the year,		109

The following Lodges, eleven in number, gained in membership, the net gain being given in each case:

Oriental No. 12,	18	Hillsborough No 17,	15
Rising Sun No. 7,	11	Harmony No. 11,	11
Nashua No. 5,	8	Olive Branch No. 6,	5
Concord No. 8,	5	Morning Star No. 18,	5
Myrtle No. 14,	4	Pioneer No. 1,	3
Swamscott No. 2,	3		

Five Lodges report a net loss as follows:

Merrimack No. 4,	12	Damon No. 9,	6
Granite No. 3,	5	Pawtuckaway No. 10,	3
Prospect No. 13,	2		

Oriental Lodge No. 12, of Suncook, has made the largest *net* gain, as shown above; but Hillsborough Lodge No. 17, of Hillsborough, having increased its membership from 20 to 35, makes the greatest *relative* gain, that of 75 per cent.

Dionysius Lodge No. 19, and Mount Belknap Lodge No. 20, having been instituted within the year, are not included in the foregoing comparative statement.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Total receipts of Subordinate Lodges,	$7802 70
Increase over last year,	527 52
Total expenditures,	7401 74
Increase over last year,	949 55
Total amount paid for relief,	1878 94
Increase over last year,	243 41
Total amount on hand and invested January 1, 1879,	6195 43
Increase over last year,	361 71

No return has been received from Dionysius Lodge No. 19 for the term ending December 31, 1878, neither has the per capita tax been paid.

By the provisions of the Constitution of this grand body the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is made the collector of the Grand Lodge revenues, and to some extent the purchaser of supplies for Subordinate Lodges. I therefore submit the following report of my transactions while serving in that capacity, together with an account of the expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of the duties of my office.

RECEIPTS.

From sale of supplies, including paraphernalia,	221 40
" Grand Master of Exchequer,	197 00
" Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal,	5 00
For dispensations,	12 00
For per capita tax,	598 50
Total,	$1033 90

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for freight, trucking and express,	11 90
" postage, postal cards and money orders,	22 50
" blank books and stationery,	5 23
" printing,	22 70
" telegrams,	1 44

Paid to Mt. Belknap Lodge No. 20, cash sent to S. K. R. S. for Sup. Lodge Journals, refunded, .	5 00
Paid for Supreme Representative tax, ...	150 00
" supplies, including paraphernalia, ...	145 74
" Grand Lodge roster, ...	9 50
Paid to Grand Master of Exchequer, ...	659 89
Total, ...	$1033 90

SUPPLIES AND BLANKS ON HAND.

The following list comprises all the supplies now on hand in this office:

23 bound books, (Odes and Marches.)
12 Withdrawal Cards.
31 Traveling Shields.

In this connection I would respectfully call the attention of the Grand Lodge to a resolution adopted by the Supreme Lodge at its last session, (found on page 1670 of the Journal of Proceedings) providing that traveling shields shall be sold by Grand to Subordinate Lodges at ten cents each. As by amendment to Section 2 of Article XII of our Constitution the price is fixed at twenty-five cents each, I would recommend that the same be further amended to conform to the legislation of the Supreme Lodge.

There is now on hand in my office a supply of blank semi-annual reports, dispensations, notices of rejection and suspension, billheads, Past Chancellor's certificates, and other blanks sufficient for the requirements of the office for some time to come. Only a small amount of printing has been required the past year, the office being well supplied when I took possession. I would recommend that when the present supply of blank semi-annual reports is exhausted, new ones be provided with pages on which the Keeper of Records and Seal of each Lodge should be required to enter the names and rank of every member of the Lodge. This would entail some additional work upon that officer, but the advantages of the plan are obvious. As it now stands the Keeper of Records and Seal often depends upon the Master of Finance for the number of members in good standing, and mistakes occur which call for correction in the next report, thereby causing confusion in the accounts of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and no small amount of vexation and trouble when that officer comes to make up his report to the Supreme Lodge.

PARAPHERNALIA.

By vote of the Grand Lodge at its last session, I was directed to

forward to Dionysius Lodge No. 19, of Northwood, one of the two sets of paraphernalia in possession of the Grand Lodge, said Subordinate Lodge to pay therefor, within a reasonable time, the sum of fifty dollars. Assisted by Grand Vice Chancellor W. E. Moore, Grand Outer Guard John H. Pingree, and Past Chancellor E. L. Moulton, the property was overhauled, inspected and boxed, and one set forwarded to the Lodge at East Northwood, where it remains at the present time.

From the fifty dollars which was to have been paid by the Lodge is to be deducted the sum of five dollars, advanced by the Lodge at the time of its institution for the purchase of supplies, but not expended. This leaves a balance due on paraphernalia of $45.00. In March, 1878, I furnished the Lodge with a blank record book and roster, at an expense of $1.63, making the whole amount due from the Lodge at this date $46.63.

The other set of paraphernalia was put in repair by me, the missing parts replaced by new ones ordered from M. C. Lilley & Co., and the whole then forwarded to Laconia, where it was used at the institution of Mt. Belknap Lodge No. 20, and afterwards included in the bill of supplies furnished to that Lodge. In a short time the Lodge became dissatisfied, and requested that some of the parts used in working the first and second ranks should be replaced by others of a newer and better quality. In accordance with instructions from Grand Chancellor Lang, I thereupon ordered the desired parts from Lilley & Co., at an expense of $47.03. These were forwarded to Mt. Belknap Lodge and pronounced satisfactory, while the old paraphernalia was returned to me and placed in the property room of Rising Sun Lodge, where it still remains.

RELIEF FOR YELLOW FEVER SUFFERERS.

On August 29th, 1878, Supreme Chancellor Davis issued a circular, calling the attention of members of the Order to the suffering among our brethren at the South, by reason of the yellow fever scourge, and inviting contributions for their relief. On the 2d of September following this appeal was promulgated to the several Lodges in this jurisdiction, by Grand Chancellor Lang, and in answer thereto I take pleasure in reporting the following donations, which were sent direct to Joseph Dowdall, Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, at Columbus, Ohio:

Pioneer Lodge No. 1,	$5 00	Concord Lodge No. 8,	25 00
Granite Lodge No. 3,	30 00	Damon Lodge No. 9,	10 00
Merrimack Lodge No. 4,	20 00	Prospect Lodge No. 13,	10 00
Nashua Lodge No. 5,	10 00	Myrtle Lodge No. 14,	8 30
Olive Branch No. 6,	10 00	Hillsborough No. 17,	10 00
Rising Sun No. 7,	25 00		
Total,			$163 30

ROSTER OF GRAND LODGE.

At the seventh annual session of the Grand Lodge, held at Portsmouth, in February, 1877, a resolution was adopted requesting the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal "to provide a book to be known as the Roster of the Grand Lodge, containing full information needed. Also that a complete list of all Past Grand Chancellors, Past Chancellors, and officers of this Grand Lodge be prepared, containing the names of all Past Chancellors entitled to the rank."

In compliance with the foregoing resolution, I issued in June last a circular calling for the necessary information to properly prepare the Roster. Eight Lodges, namely, Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 14 responded with information more or less full, the other Lodges have so far failed to report. Without intending to disparage the returns from other Lodges, I cannot refrain from making favorable mention of the able and exhaustive report of Brother F. W. McKinley, Keeper of Records and Seal of Granite Lodge No. 3, which I regard as a model of its kind, and which suggested to me many features of the plan on which the Roster was afterwards gotten up. In December last I contracted with Loring, Short & Harmon, of Portland, Maine, to print and bind the Roster, which was done at the expense of $9.50.

I very much regret that lack of time since I received the book has prevented me from entering in the same the returns already received, but I trust that before another session of this body the work can be carried forward to completion.

CIRCULARS ISSUED.

During the past year I have had occasion to issue but two official circulars, the first of which, dated in June last, was in relation to obtaining material for the Grand Lodge Roster, and has already been referred to under that head. The second, bearing date December 2, 1878, called the attention of the Lodges to the revised price-list of supplies furnished by the Supreme Lodge, with the request that hereafter all orders for official receipts, digests, jewels, memorial charts, bound journals of proceedings, and all supplies for Sections of the Endowment Rank and Divisions of the Uniform Rank, be sent direct to Joseph Dowdall, Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, Columbus, Ohio. This was issued in compliance with a request of Bro. Dowdall, contained in his circular of November 9, 1878, and will be the means of effecting a considerable saving in postage to the Grand Lodge, and also in time to the Subordinate Lodges.

I also caused to be printed, in appropriate form, the resolutions

adopted at the last session of the Grand Lodge, in relation to the death of Past Chancellor O. W. TOWNS, copies of which were forwarded to the family of the deceased brother and to each officer of the Grand Lodge.

CIRCULARS RECEIVED.

I have received a variety of official circulars from various sources, some of which have already been referred to in this report. Of the remainder the following are the only ones that seem to require especial mention:

1st, A circular issued by Grand Chancellor W. H. LEE, of the jurisdiction of Massachusetts, dated April 23, 1878, announcing the suspension of Maverick Lodge No. 39, copies of which I forwarded to each Lodge in this jurisdiction.

2d, A circular issued by Supreme Chancellor DAVIS, Dated May 17, 1878, requesting me to furnish a committee of the Supreme Lodge with a list of all Past Grand Chancellors ever elected to receive that rank in this jurisdiction, together with such facts pertaining to their connection with the Order as I might be able to obtain.

In response to this circular I forwarded to S. P. OYLER, chairman of the committee, a report setting forth the facts in relation to each of said Past Grand Chancellors, and such other information as I could gather from various sources in the limited time at my disposal.

3d, Circulars from Supreme Chancellor WOODRUFF, dated September 7, 1878, containing a *resume* of the legislation enacted at the last session of the Supreme Lodge, and promulgated in advance of the printed Journal of Proceedings of that body. These were also distributed among the various Lodges.

RESOLUTIONS ON DEATH OF C. B. RICHARDSON.

I have received from Harmony Lodge No. 11 the following resolutions adopted by that Lodge on the death of Past Chancellor CHARLES B. RICHARDSON, and submit the same to the Grand Lodge with the recommendation that they be given an appropriate place in the next printed report of proceedings of this body:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the All-Wise Disposer of events to remove by death our much esteemed brother and Past Chancellor, CHARLES B. RICHARDSON, therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of our brother we sustain the loss of an active and worthy member.

Resolved, That we shall ever hold in high esteem his many virtues, and cherish his memory as a rich legacy that binds us to him in lasting remembrance.

Resolved, That we extend to the afflicted family of our deceased brother an assurance of our heartfelt sympathy in this, their sad hour of bereavement.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family of the deceased, and that they be also inserted in the journal of our Lodge.

Farmington, N. H., March 18, 1878.

C. C. HAM,
D. H. ADAMS.
L. H. GILSON,
Committee.

CONCLUSION.

Brothers, my report is before you. Called unexpectedly by your votes to fill this important office, with but little previous knowledge of its various duties and responsibilities, I can truly say that I have always endeavored to keep the welfare of the Order in view, and to labor in every way possible for its advancement. My relations with the officers and members of this body during the past year have been pleasant, and friendships have been formed which I trust will end only with the close of life. I desire to return my thanks to members of the Order, to the Keepers of Records and Seal of the several Lodges, and to the officers and members of this Grand Lodge for courtesies received, and close my report with the hope that the coming Pythian period may prove to be the most prosperous ever known in the history of the Order.

Fraternally submitted,
ALBERT T. COTTON,
G. K. of R. and S.

Past Grand Chancellor BENJAMIN T. CHASE, of Maine, who was present with the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of that jurisdiction, was called upon and made some interesting remarks.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns made a report, as follows:

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

Your Committee on Credentials and Returns have examined the following credentials of Past Chancellors and find them correct, and recommend their acceptance by the Grand Lodge:

Pioneer No. 1.—GEORGE W. MURCH, GILMAN DOEG.
Swamscott No. 2.—EDWIN BACHELDER, HENRY E. SULLIVAN.

Granite No. 3.—Frank B. Knowlton, Henry H. Esty.
Merrimack No. 4.—George F. Crosby, Malcolm L. Bradley.
Nashua No. 5.—O. E. Kneeland, Joel Pierce.
Olive Branch No. 6.—Henry Landecker, John H. Ingraham.
Rising Sun No. 7.—John B. Kelley, John Greenfield.
Concord No. 8.—George H. Adams, Loren S. Richardson.
Damon No. 9.—Lindall A. Johnson, John S. Tilton.
Pawtuckaway No. 10.—Charles Randlett, Frank P. Fiske.
Harmony No. 11.—Ira A. Quint.
Oriental No. 12.—A. N. Osgood, Jacob Noyes.
Prospect No. 13.—John N. Haines, J. E. Hobson.
Myrtle No. 14.—George N. Dutton, Wm. B Stearns.
Hillsborough No 17.—George F. Russell, John B. Gibson.
Morning Star No. 18.—Charles D. Fox, Surrill Flint.
Mount Belknap No. 20.—Amos Chattle, E. G. Wilson, Chas. M. Elkins.

Your committee further report that they find credentials from Prospect Lodge No. 13, that they have elected John M. French, Clarence S. Chapman and Gustave ~~Pigset~~ Pryser as Past Chancellors.

Your committee would ask instructions from the Grand Lodge in regard to the above-named credentials.

IRA DOE.
DANIEL E. HOWARD.
ALBERT F. SEAVEY.
Committee on Credentials and Returns.

On motion, voted to accept the first part of the report and recommit the case of the brothers from Great Falls to the committee.

Whereupon the Committee on Credentials and Returns made a supplementary report, as follows:

We find that Brother J. E. Hobson was entitled to his certificate by reason of serving as Chancellor Commander in 1875, and that Clarence S. Chapman, is therefore legally elected to fill the place of J. E. Hobson, who served as Chancellor Commander from January to June, 1878,

We further find that the credentials of John M. French and Gustave ~~Pigset~~ Pryser of Prospect Lodge No. 13 are not in accordance with existing law, but as we do not find that any fraud was intended, we would recommend that they be admitted.

IRA DOE.
DANIEL E. HOWARD.
ALBERT F. SEAVEY.

After some discussion it was voted that the report of the committee be accepted and adopted.

At ten minutes past one voted to adjourn till two and one-half o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge re-assembled at half-past two o'clock.

The following resolution was submitted, in writing, and adopted:

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Supreme Lodge be instructed to use their utmost endeavors in procuring the enactment of a permanent pass word for the Grand Lodge rank.

IRA DOE, No. 7.
GEORGE W. VARNEY, No. 6.
ALBERT F. SEAVEY, No. 6.
JOHN McCAULEY, No. 8.
FRANK J. PILLSBURY, No. 8.
FRANK E. ROLLINS, No. 2.

The Committee on Finance then presented a report, as follows:

ROCHESTER, N. H., Feb. 6, 1879.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XV.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the reports of the Grand Master of Exchequer and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, have attended to their duty, and would report that we find their reports correctly cast and vouched for, with cash in the hands of the Grand Master of Exchequer amounting to $494.13.

We would recommend that a charter be granted Mount Belknap Lodge No. 20, in lieu of the dispensation under which they are now working.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK E. ROLLINS.
ANDREW J. SIDES.
WILLIAM KENNEDY.
Committee on Finance.

It was voted that the report of the committee be accepted and its recommendations adopted.

The Committee on Laws and Supervision then submitted the following report:

ROCHESTER, February 6, 1879.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XV.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

Your Committee on Laws and Supervision would report that they have approved all the by-laws and amendments submitted to them except the following: One from Granite Lodge No. 3, cutting off all such benefits after a certain number of weeks, which is a plain violation of Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges.

One from Prospect Lodge No. 13, as follows:

But no brother shall be admitted by card after he shall have attained his fiftieth year.

Such a law would destroy uniformity in our Lodges, work great injury to many deserving Knights, and be contrary to the design of all Supreme and Grand Lodge legislation, as well as contrary to that Friendship, Charity and Benevolence which we claim to propagate.

J. T. S. LIBBEY.
FRANK E. ROLLINS.
WILLAM O. SIDES.
Committee on Laws and Supervision.

Voted, That the report be laid on the table.

The Grand Master-at-Arms then introduced the following Past Chancellors, and the Grand Lodge rank was conferred upon them:

GEORGE W. MURCH, No. 1.
CHARLES TUTTLE, No. 1.
GILMAN DOEG, No. 1.
FRANK B. KNOWLTON, No. 3.
HENRY H. ESTY, No. 3.
GEORGE F. CROSBY, No. 4.
MALCOLM L. BRADLEY, No. 4.
JOEL PIERCE, No. 5.
JOHN S. TILTON, No. 9.
FRANK P. FISK, No. 10.
CYRUS H. KNOX, No. 10.
CHARLES G. HAM, No. 11.
IRA A. QUINT, No, 11.
CHARLES W. GRAY, No. 11.
JOHN N. HAINES, No. 13.
J. E. HOBSON, No. 13.

Henry Landecker, No. 6.
John H. Ingraham, No. 6.
Samuel H. Goodwin, No. 6.
Lewis B. Laskey, No. 6.
John B. Kelly, No. 7.
George H. Adams, No. 8.
Lindall A. Johnson, No. 9.
William B. Stearns, No. 14.
George F. Russell, No. 17.
Charles D. Fox, No. 18.
Surrill Flint, No. 18.
Asa A. Flint, No. 18.
Amos Chattle, No. 20.
Edwin G. Wilson, No. 20.

The Grand Chancellor then submitted his annual report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHANCELLOR.

Rochester, February 6th, 1879.
Pythian Period xv.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

Brothers: We are once more assembled in this, our annual convention, for the purpose of reviewing the past and making laws for the future. It affords me great satisfaction to be able to report to you that the Order is doing well, perhaps better than could be expected under the existing hard times. In accordance with our Constitution I will give you a brief review of my official acts during the past year. I have visited every Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction during my administration, some of them twice and some of them three times, and with the exception of Dionysius Lodge No. 19, at Northwood, I found them all in a very prosperous condition. In view of the fact that the special condition and circumstances of every Lodge has been given to you by each of the Grand Chancellors preceding me, and may be found in our printed reports, it seems to me that it may be as well to make my report more in general, noting only *special* cases, thereby saving some cost in printing, and without injury to any interest either to this Grand Lodge or to any of the Subordinate Lodges. I visited Dionysius Lodge and found them with their paraphernalia packed ready to surrender to the Grand Lodge.

I worked with them until two o'clock in the morning, and finally they decided to get a hall nearer the business center of the town, and see if they could not do something by which they could overcome the obstacles in their way. Since my visit there I have learned that they had procured a hall in the village. The District Deputy wrote me a postal a short time since, saying that he would

write me more fully in a few days, but I have not heard from him since. I see no reason why a Lodge should not flourish there if the officers and members would take the interest that they should in the Order.

Morning Star Lodge No. 18, located at Milton Mills, N. H, and said village being one-half in New Hampshire and one-half in Maine, receives many applications from persons resident in the State of Maine. I have written to the Grand Chancellor of Maine several times in regard to this matter, and also to Sanford Lodge, located at Sanford, Maine, nine miles from Milton Mills. I have received permission from Sanford Lodge through the Grand Chancellor of Maine to work the ranks on one applicant and have been refused on two. It seems to me very desirable that some arrangement should be made with the Grand Jurisdiction of Maine and the said Lodge whereby we could take members residing within the P. O. address of Milton Mills, and I hope some action may be taken in this matter at this session.

NEW LODGES.

On the evening of June 11th, 1878, assisted by ~~one~~ all of the grand officers of this jurisdiction, I instituted Mount Belknap Lodge No. 20, at Laconia, and I am much pleased to be able to report that this Lodge is in a very flourishing condition, and has already taken rank as one of the very best Lodges in the State. They paid all of their money in advance which I think is the only true way to start a Lodge. I think from what correspondence I have had that we shall soon get a Lodge at Warner. I have been there twice to meet them, and the first time I met six of the best citizens of the place. I gave them all the information I could, such as the cost and number of members desirable to apply for a charter.

The second time I was with them we got five signatures on a petition for a charter. February 1st I received a letter from them asking if they should go ahead and get a Lodge? to which I replied, "Yes." I confidently believe that the time is not far distant when we shall have a good working Lodge in that place.

I received from a brother of Mount Belknap Lodge No. 20, residing in Lake Village, full assurance that a Lodge might be formed in that village. At their request I went to that place and met about twenty men who were willing to become charter members; but as I objected to some of the men (being acquainted with them, and having a personal knowledge of their habits) the matter was postponed, and I have heard nothing from them since. This brother promised me seventy-five members before January 1st, 1879, but I have not seen one yet.

I have done the best that I could to get a Lodge at Keene, but can do nothing there. It seems a little singular that we cannot get a Lodge there. I have corresponded with some of the best men in the city and they say we cannot succeed at present.

RESIGNATIONS.

May 18th, 1878, I received the resignation of Brother F. E. Stevens, as District Deputy Grand Chancellor of Morning Star Lodge No. 18, and appointed in his place Brother A. A. Fox.

DECISIONS.

1st, After an applicant has been balloted for the second time, according to Section 4, Article VI, and elected, can an appeal be taken from that ballot?

2d, If it should be the other way: that is, if the applicant be *not* elected can there be an appeal taken.

I decided that an appeal cannot be taken in either case.

Very many questions have been received which came within the provision of our law, and were answered in accordance therewith. During my official term I have received 435 letters, each one of which requested an immediate reply.

APPEALS.

I have received but one appeal during the past term. This appeal comes from Brother Benj. T. Rounds, of Granite Lodge No. 3, relating to an action of said Lodge with reference to Brother Lyman Batchelder, a member of said Lodge. As this comes to us in the prescribed manner, I respectfully recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

I wish here to return my sincere thanks to all of my District Deputy Grand Chancellors, and to all of the officers and members of the Lodges in this jurisdiction for the uniform courtesy and kindness extended to me in my official term, and wish to assure them that it will never be forgotten, and that if ever I have an opportunity to return the same, that I shall try and do so with interest added.

And I wish further to acknowledge for myself, and for my associate grand officers, many thanks for the kind invitation extended to us by Grand Chancellor Benj. T. Chase, Jurisdiction of Maine, asking us to be present with them at Biddeford at the Castle Hall of Mavoshen Lodge No. 1, to witness the conferring of the third

rank in the amplified, ancient and chivalric form on the eve of Nov. 22d, 1878. It was an occasion long to be remembered by every one present.

DEATHS.

It becomes my sad duty to bring to your notice the death of Past Chancellor CHAS. B. RICHARDSON, of Harmony Lodge No. 11. Resolutions adopted by the Lodge have come to hand and are herewith presented to this grand body. I hope you will refer this matter to a committee, and that suitable resolutions may be adopted.

CIRCULARS.

Under date of March 30th and September 2d I issued circulars promulgating circulars issued by Supreme Chancellor S. S. DAVIS, relating to the great fire in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and the terrible scourge of yellow fever in the Southern States. Appealing to the Order at large for aid, I am glad to be able to report that these appeals were very generously responded to. I herewith append a reply received from Centennial Lodge, of Hot Springs, Arkansas, with many thanks for the aid received:

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., April 9th, 1879.

Charles M Lang, Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your letter of the 5th with circular inclosed received this morning, and in reply I return many thanks to you as the Grand Chancellor of New Hampshire in behalf of the members of Centennial Lodge of this place, for the interest manifested in our welfare, and the promptness in sending out the circulars to the Lodges in your State. We have up to this date received donations amounting to seventy-five dollars, fifty dollars of which is from Damon No. 3, Little Rock, Ark. The funds have been turned over to the committee appointed by the Lodge as a relief committee All letters with donations will be promptly answered, acknowledging the receipt of moneys. With many thanks, I am, Yours fraternally in F. C. and B.,

W. A. KIRK.

I also received a circular under date of December 26th promulgating a circular of Supreme Chancellor D. B. WOODRUFF, dated December 10th, 1878, relating to travelling shields and annual shield-word.

Circulars have also been received by me from Supreme Chancellor S. S. Davis, dated May 25th and August 29th, also from Supreme Chancellor D. B. Woodruff, dated September 7th and September 9th, 1878. All of which have been forwarded to the several Subordinate Lodges.

SUPREME LODGE.

After conferring with the Supreme Representatives it was deemed unnecessary to print their report of the proceedings of the Supreme Lodge, held at Columbus, Ohio, commencing August 26th, 1878, as Supreme Chancellor D. B. Woodruff, in his circular dated September 7th, promulgated such part of their legislation as affected Grand and Subordinate Lodges. I would however call your attention to the resolution adopted by them, placing the Lodges of this Order in Vermont under the supervision of this Grand Lodge, provided the respective Grand Lodges and Subordinate Lodges consent thereto. In connection with this subject I would state that I have received an application from Stowe, Vermont, to institute a Lodge in that place, but it being out of my jurisdiction I could do nothing for them. I trust you will give this matter your consideration, and take such action as you deem wise.

CONCLUSION.

Brothers, I thank you for electing me to this high office. I have done the best I could for the interests of the Order, but I presume I have made many mistakes: if so, I hope you will deal with me as leniently as possible, and consider that we are all human and liable to err. I have had the interests of the Order at heart, and have received the hearty support of all brothers in this jurisdiction. I hope that my successor may receive the same cordial support, and that the future of this Order may be even more prosperous than the past.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES M. LANG,

Grand Chancellor.

Some discussion ensued in regard to a certain circular issued by the Grand Chancellor, in reference to an accident to some of the members of Hillsborough Lodge No. 17, while going to Warner, but no decisive result was arrived at, and the Grand Chancellor's report was referred to the Committee on Laws and Supervision.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence at this point presented their report.

On motion, voted that the reading of the report be dispensed with, and that the report be printed in the journal of proceedings.

Voted, That the election of Supreme Representatives be deferred until after the installation of officers.

The following resolution was submitted in writing:

Resolved, That the next session of this Grand Lodge be held at Great Falls, with Prospect Lodge No. 13.

WM. H. NAYLOR,
THOMAS RITCHIE,
JAMES E. HOBSON,
GUSTAVE PEYSER,
J. N. HAINES,
C. L. CHAPMAN.

Adopted.

The special committee, appointed at the last session of this grand body, to prepare a new Constitution for the Grand Lodge and also for Subordinate Lodges, through its chairman, Past Chancellor WILLIAM E. MOORE of No. 3, then presented its report.

Past Chancellor ALDRICH moved that the report be read.

Past Chancellor SHEPHARD moved an amendment that only those portions that had been changed be read.

The motion as amended prevailed.

The Grand Lodge Constitution, as revised, having been read, it was voted that it be adopted.

Past Chancellor AMOS CHATTLE, of Mt. Belknap Lodge No. 20, then presented the following resolution in writing, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That no Lodge of Knights of Pythias shall be instituted within the distance of three miles of any other Lodge of the Order, without the consent of said Lodge, unless said Lodge shall contain a membership of one hundred Knights in good standing.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns then made a report, as follows:

To the Officers and Past Chancellors of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire:

Your Committee having examined the returns of the several Lodges find them as follows:

For the term ending June 30, 1878, Nos. 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 17, 18 and 20 correct. No. 2, error of eighty cents against the Lodge in report of expenses. No. 3 report shows twenty-four dollars and seven cents cash on hand less than the amount reported. No. 8 report shows a difference of twenty-four dollars and one cent, while No. 9 report has two dollars and forty-one cents more cash on hand than is claimed in the report. No. 11, amount of per capita tax not entered. No. 12 has overpaid per capita tax as reported paid on previous term. No. 13 report shows one hundred and seventy-six dollars and seventy-five cents less cash on hand than amount reported. No. 14, error in the same particular of five dollars and twenty-five cents. No. 19, expenses not itemized or per capita tax entered.

For the term ending December 31, 1878: Nos 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17 and 18 correct. No. 3 report shows thirty dollars less cash on hand than claimed. No. 14, expenses not itemized. No. 19, no report. No. 20 shows deficiency of fifty-eight cents in cash on hand from last report.

Respectfully submitted,

IRA DOE.
D. E. HOWARD.
A. F. SEAVEY.
Committee.

Voted, To accept the report and place the same on file.

The special committee on revision of Constitution then presented a Constitution for Subordinate Lodges.

It was read by Articles, and a long discussion ensued on Section 8, Article I.

At six o'clock voted to take a recess until half-past seven.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge reassembled promptly at seven and one-half o'clock, Grand Chancellor LANG in the chair.

Past Chancellors O. A. KNEELAND, of Nashua Lodge No. 5, and FRANK F. RANDALL, of Pawtuckaway Lodge No. 10, were introduced and instructed in the Grand Lodge rank.

Proceeded to the further consideration of the proposed Constitution for Subordinate Lodges.

The amendment offered by Past Chancellor ALDRICH, striking out Section 1, Article VIII of the proposed Constitution, and inserting in place thereof the Section and Article in the old Constitution, was rejected.

The following amendment was adopted:

Resolved, That section 3, Article 8, be amended by adding these words, "In case of rejection the money shall be refunded to the applicant."

IRA DOE, No. 7.
L. L. ALDRICH, No. 3.
H. H. ESTY, No. 3.
E. J. MATHES, No. 7.
J. F. SEAVEY, No. 6.

On a motion to adopt the revised Constitution for Subordinate Lodges the vote stood 76 in the affirmative and 16 in the negative: so the motion prevailed and the new Constitution was adopted.

Past Supreme Chancellor DAVIS offered the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, The Supreme Lodge at its last session, provided that the Lodges of this Order in the State of Vermont be for the present under the supervision of the Grand Lodge of this State, provided that the respective Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodges consent thereto. Therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge consent to the jurisdiction of the Lodge in Vermont, and if said Lodges also consent that the Grand Chancellor shall at once communicate with said Lodges and request an early reply.

Resolved, That on the consent of said Lodges, the Grand Chancellor is hereby instructed to proceed at the earliest moment, to complete all arrangements for bringing under our supervision all Lodges in Vermont, and giving them full title to all the privileges accorded to Lodges of this jurisdiction.

Resolved, That when the Lodges in Vermont are received under our jurisdiction, that the proper officers notify the Supreme Chancellor of the completion of the arrangment.

Adopted.

Past Chancellor IRA DOE submitted the following resolution in writing:

Resolved, That the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall, from the record, enter the name of each Past Chancellor admitted to this Grand

Lodge, and that whenever he shall be unable to fill out the several blanks he shall be authorized to procure the necessary information by correspondence with the Subordinate Lodges.

Adopted.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances, through its chairman, Past Grand Chancellor J. FRANK SEAVEY, presented its report.

In order that all may have full knowledge in regard to the case, we give the papers in full:

MANCHESTER, N. H., Oct. 21, 1878.

To the Officers and Members of Granite Lodge No. 3, Knights of Pythias:

WHEREAS, At a meeting of this Lodge held September 23d, 1878, in our Castle Hall, the Lodge decided by vote that it is the voice of this Lodge that Brother LYMAN BATCHELDER is not entitled to sick benefits at this time, and feeling aggrieved at the said decision. I beg most respectfully to appeal from the same, and desire that the appeal may be brought before the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

The reason for my appeal is as follows: Brother BATCHELDER was taken sick and remained sick for over one year before he became in arrears. He sent word by various members notifying the Lodge of his sickness, who, it appears, neglected their duty, and he was not visited by any member of the Relief Committee. After being sick so long a time as above stated he became suspended from sick benefits by falling six months in arrears, but at the same time the Lodge was indebted to him for one year's sick benefits, a claim which they afterwards admitted and paid. Now I believe:

1st, That a brother cannot be deprived of sick benefits on the ground that he is in arrears, if the Lodge is indebted to him on account of sickness sufficiently to place him in good standing.

2d, That a brother who is entitled to his benefits at the commencement of a sickness cannot be deprived of benefits during that sickness, though he become in arrears, as it is the fault of the Lodge in not retaining so much of his benefits as would keep him in good standing during such sickness.

Yours in F. C. and B.,

BENJ. T. ROUNDS.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Nov. 18, 1878.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Grand Jurisdiction of New Hampshire.

We, the undersigned, respectfully represent that we have been appointed a committee on the part of Granite Lodge No. 3, Knights of Pythias of the Grand Jurisdiction of New Hampshire, to answer an appeal to the said Grand Lodge made by BENJAMIN T. ROUNDS, a member of Granite Lodge No. 3, Knights of Pythis, relating to the decision of said Lodge in the case of Brother LYMAN BATCHELDER, said decision being made September 23d, 1878.

We herewith transmit a copy of the records of Granite Lodge No. 3, relating to the case, and we respectfully submit the following reasons why the appeal should not be sustained.

1st, That the appeal on the copy as laid before us was not addressed to the proper authorities.

2d, That the records of the Master of Finance show that Brother LYMAN BATCHELDER, from January 1st, 1875, to July 1st, 1875, was suspended from sick benefits according to Article IX, Section 1, of the Constitution made and provided for the government of Subordinate Lodges, and furthermore we claim as a fact, that Brother BATCHELDER admits himself it is the same continued sickness as at that time, therefore he is debarred from benefits at the present time, according to Article VII, Section 16, of the By-Laws of Granite Lodge No. 3, which declares a member who has neglected to pay his dues for such length of time as to be debarred from drawing benefits while sick, cannot be admitted to pay his dues so as to entitle him to benefits during such sickness.

3d. We represent that notwithstanding after he had been suspended from benefits, we paid him one year's benefits, which was due him previous to his suspension, it does not reinstate him for benefits during the same sickness after that.

4th. We represent that there is no law of our Order whereby we are warranted or in any way obliged to keep a member square, even if we are indebted to him.

5th, We represent that after the Lodge was notified of Brother BATCHELDER'S sickness he was visited by the Relief Committee, and was reported to the Lodge from time to time through them.

6th. We further represent that Brother BATCHELDER obtained illegal membership into our beloved Order, because he has lately

admitted to a member of the Order that he was afflicted with the same disease long before he gained admittance.

We therefore ask that the decision of the Lodge be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. YOUNG.
FRANK B. KNOWLTON.
SILAS R. WALLACE.
Committee.

The following extract from the minutes of Granite Lodge No. 3, K. of P., shows the action of said Lodge, as laid down in their records:

Resolved, That Brother LYMAN BATCHELDER, in the opinion of this Lodge, is not entitled to any benefits from this Lodge at this time according to the By-Laws.

This resolution was adopted September 23d, 1878.

From which Brother BENJAMIN T. ROUNDS took the foregoing appeal, dated October 21st, 1878.

A true copy, attest,

F. W. McKINLEY,
K. of R. and S.

The following is the report of the committee:

ROCHESTER, Feb. 6th, 1878.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to whom was referred the appeal of Brother BENJAMIN T. ROUNDS relating to the decision of Granite Lodge No. 3, in the case of Brother LYMAN BATCHELDER, beg leave to report that we have examined the accompanying papers and heard evidence relating to the same.

We find that the Lodge acted in accordance with their by-laws.

We therefore recommend that his appeal be not sustained.

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. and B.,

J. F. SEAVEY.
FRANK J. PILLSBURY.
E. J. MATHES.
Committee.

It was voted to accept the report of the committee and adopt the recommendation.

The following resolution was submitted:

Resolved, That during any session of this Grand Lodge that may hereafter be held, members of Subordinate Lodges may be admitted to witness the ceremony of installation of officers, and the exemplification of the secret work of the Order.

F. E. ROLLINS,
ALBERT T. COTTON,
JOHN H. PINGREE,
WM. E. MOORE.

Rejected.

A bill of Mt. Belknap Lodge No. 20, amounting to twelve dollars and thirty cents, incurred in changing paraphernalia furnished by the Grand Lodge officers, was presented by Past Chancellor CHATTLE.

Past Chancellor J. FRANK SEAVEY moved to amend by paying only so much as was incurred on the old set of paraphernalia furnished.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

The Committee on Finance offered a resolution to increase the salary of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to one hundred dollars.

Rejected.

Grand Vice Chancellor MOORE moved that the compensation of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be increased to seventy-five dollars.

Rejected.

Past Chancellor HENRY PEYSER moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of the whole subject.

The last motion prevailed, and the office will not be sought for the pecuniary compensation.

The bill of Grand Chancellor CHARLES M. LANG, amounting to one hundred and fifteen dollars, was read.

Voted, To pay the bill if found to be correct.

The Committee on Laws and Supervision made a report, as follows:

Your Committee on Laws and Supervision, to whom was referred the Grand Chancellor's report, beg leave to submit the following: That the decisions of the Grand Chancellor be approved.

Resolved, That the Grand Jurisdiction of Maine be requested to grant

permission for persons in that jurisdiction, living in the vicinity of Lodges in this State, to join New Hampshire Lodges.

J. T. S. LIBBEY,
FRANK E. ROLLINS,
W. O. SIDES,
Committee.

Voted, That the report be accepted and placed on file.

The discussion of the circular sent out by Grand Chancellor LANG, in regard to the accident at Warner, was here renewed, and considerable debate followed. It was finally voted to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of the matter.

Past Supreme Chancellor S. S. DAVIS presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Chancellor and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be instructed to prepare a copy of the revised Constitutions of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges, as adopted at this session, for the printer.

Resolved, That the Constitution be printed under the direction of the above Grand Lodge officers, and the Committee on Printing.

Resolved, That the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges be printed in such form that all Subordinate Lodges may purchase them of the Grand Lodge, at, or near cost, and bind them with their By-Laws.

Resolved, That the bills for printing as above provided, shall be approved by the Committee on Printing, and an order shall be drawn by the proper officers, for such sums as may be required.

On motion the Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing term, and the result of the ballot shewed the following Past Chancellors elected to their respective offices:

WILLIAM E. MOORE, of Granite No. 3, Manchester, *Grand Chancellor.*

ALBERT T. COTTON, of Rising Sun No. 7, Rochester, *Grand Vice Chancellor.*

WILLIAM A. FRYE, of Pioneer No. 1, Newmarket, *Grand Prelate.*

LORENZO K. PEACOCK, of Concord No. 8, Concord, *Grand Master of Exchequer.*

FRANK J. PILLSBURY, of Concord No. 8, Concord, *Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.*

FREDERICK NEWMAN, of Hillsborough No. 17, Hillsborough Bridge, *Grand Master-at-Arms.*

JOHN N. HAINES, of Prospect No. 13, Great Falls, *Grand Inner Guard.*

EDWIN G. WILSON, of Mt. Belknap Lodge No. 20, Laconia, *Grand Outer Guard.*

CHARLES M. LANG, of Concord No. 8, Concord, *Past Grand Chancellor.*

The grand officers elect were then duly installed in their respective stations, by Past Supreme Chancellor STILMAN S. DAVIS.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the choice of a Supreme Representative, for four years, and FRANK E. ROLLINS, of Swamscott No. 2, Exeter, was elected.

On motion of Past Grand Chancellor WILLIAM O. SIDES, the election was made unanimous.

Past Chancellor IRA DOE offered the following resolutions which were adopted:

Resolved, That in all future sessions of this Grand Lodge the candidates for the Grand Lodge rank shall, upon being admitted and fully instructed, sign the roster of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal furnish the Keeper of Records and Seal of each Subordinate Lodge with blanks to conform to the headings of the Grand Lodge roster, and said Keeper of Records and Seal in Subordinate Lodges shall be required to fill the blanks as above, and forward to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

The following resolution, offered by Past Chancellor A. T. COTTON, was ruled out of order by Grand Chancellor MOORE:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge recognize the Knights of Pythias magazine published at Washington, D. C., by the founder of this Order, J. H. RATHBONE, and the Eastern Knight, published at Danielsonville, Ct., as worthy exponents of the principles of our Order, and would bespeak for them as such the patronage and support of all Knights throughout our grand jurisdiction.

The Committee on Finance reported the bill of Grand Chancellor C. M. LANG as correct, and the same was ordered to be paid.

Past Supreme Chancellor DAVIS introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing be instructed to advertise for bids for the printing of the journal of this Grand Lodge, for this and the previous session, and the same shall be printed by the lowest bidder, the copy to be furnished by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal; said committee shall also advertise for bids for printing the Constitution for the Grand and Subordinate Lodges, adopted at this session, and the work shall be given to the lowest bidder.

On motion, it was voted that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to Rising Sun Lodge No. 7, for use of their Castle Hall, and to Past Grand Chancellor LANG for securing reduced railroad fares.

The Grand Chancellor then announced the following list of standing committees for the ensuing year:

Committee on Laws and Supervision of Laws:

S. S. DAVIS, of Nashua Lodge No. 5.
J. W. SAUL, of Concord Lodge No. 8.
G. W. VARNEY, of Olive Branch Lodge No. 6.

Committee on Finance:

F. W. MCKINLEY, of Granite Lodge No. 3.
H. PEYSER, of Damon Lodge No. 9.
D. E. HOWARD, of Concord Lodge No. 8.

Committee on Appeals and Grievances:

C. M. LANG, of Concord Lodge No. 8.
FRED. FEINEMAN, of Rising Sun Lodge No. 7.
GEO. P. APPLETON, of Oriental Lodge No. 12.

Committee on Credentials and Returns:

W. K. CHADWICK, of Prospect Lodge No. 13.
L. L. ALDRICH, of Granite Lodge No. 3.
T. BETTON, of Damon Lodge No. 9.

Committee on Printing:

ALBERT STORY, of Granite Lodge No. 3.
J. P. YOUNG, of Granite Lodge No. 3.
R. B. FOSS, of Harmony Lodge No. 11.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence:

F. J. PILLSBURY, of Concord Lodge No. 8.
D. E. HOWARD, " "
F. D. WOODBURY, " "

The following District Deputies were also announced by the Grand Chancellor:

Pioneer No. 1—DAVID A. STEVENS.
Swamscott No. 2—A. L. CARLISLE.
Granite No. 3—JOHN H. BLONQUIST.
Merrimack No. 4—JOHN H. BLONQUIST.
Nashua No. 5—CHARLES A. BAGLEY.
Olive Branch No. 6—SAMUEL H. GOODWIN.
Rising Sun No. 7—GEORGE A. MCDUFFIE.
Concord No. 8—JOHN MCCAULEY.
Damon No. 9—L. A. JOHNSON.
Pawtuckaway No. 10—SAMUEL H. RAND.
Harmony No. 11—EUGENE P. NUTE.
Oriental No. 12—WILLIAM R. BLAKELEY.
Prospect No. 13—JOHN H. LORD.
Myrtle No. 14—CHARLES N. ROBERTSON.
Hillsborough No. 17—IRA W. JACKMAN.
Morning Star No. 18—SURRILL FLINT.
Mt. Belknap No. 20—AMOS CHATTLE.

The business of the session being completed, the Grand Chancellor at half-past two o'clock Friday morning declared the Grand Lodge closed.

A true record, attest:

FRANK J. PILLSBURY,
G. K. of R. and S.

APPENDIX.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

ROCHESTER, N. H., Feb. 6th, 1879.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XV.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

BROTHERS: We ask the kind indulgence of this honorable body for not having a more full report, from the fact that the committee were appointed to fill vacancies, and had but a few days to prepare themselves.

We have tried to do the best we could in the limited time at our command, and present our report realizing that much has been omitted that should have been included, and some included that might have been omitted.

We join with the Grand Keepers of Records and Seal of Maine and Illinois in regret that more of the jurisdictions do not take pains to forward reports of their doings to the other grand bodies.

Our beloved Order is now an established fact, and has a history that grows more useful as each year passes away.

Subjects of interest arise and are acted on in each grand body, which, although of special interest and importance to that jurisdiction, are still of general interest and may be of use to other jurisdictions.

We suggest that either the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, or a committee raised for that purpose, be instructed to make special efforts to obtain full proceedings from all the grand jurisdictions, and that they be placed in the care of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

Returns from seven grand bodies have been placed in our hands from which we take the following notes.

DELAWARE.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal gives full tables showing the financial standing and membership of each Lodge, and

says, "they give us assurance of our success as a beneficial organization." He makes a suggestion, which it would be well for other jurisdictions to consider, viz:

The Grand Lodge ought to have a place in which could be kept the rapidly accumulating documents in the Grand Chancellor and the Grand Keeper of Record and Seal's offices.

GEORGIA.

Much trouble has occurred in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Some would not pay the Grand Lodge tax, or hold meetings, and so were suspended and their charters revoked. Still the Grand Chancellor says, "I believe that at no distant day Georgia will wake up to a a full sense of its (the Order's) merits and material and moral benefits, and instead of being as at present one of of the smallest, will assume her place among the largest jurisdictions."

As she has the honor of having within her limits the Supreme Chancellor of the World, we earnestly hope that the Grand Chancellor's hopes may be fully realized.

ILLINOIS.

This jurisdiction makes a report in a volume of three hundred and sixty-two pages, including digest of laws passed at the session of 1878.

Some of the decisions on cases of appeal are at least interesting.

A Knight who worked in a mine broke some of the rules laid down by the owner, and by his request was discharged by the superintendant, who was also a Knight and member of the same Lodge as the discharged.

The Lodge for this brought charges against the brother and suspended him for five years.

The Grand Chancellor ruled, "that the question is not within the jurisdiction of the Lodge, and if permitted would be a gross violation of the rights of a citizen."

The whole proceedings were declared illegal, and the Lodge ordered to receive and acknowledge the brother as if no such illegal charges and trial had been had.

Another: The Chancellor Commander of a Lodge decided that it was out of order for a member to speak on the merits or failings of a candidate for the Page rank, after the committee's report, and previous to the ballot.

The Lodge very properly took appeal and were sustained by the Grand Chancellor on the ground that the Constitution provides,

"That after a report has been made, if no protest or other objection appear, action shall be taken; but if a brother wishes to object, it is proper for him to do so, according to the general principles of the Order, which demand ample freedom of expression regarding the character of every applicant."

KENTUCKY.

The Grand Chancellor speaks of the general depression of business, and of the many other worthy Orders that exist. He then says, "Our Order is on rising ground in Kentucky. Its benefits and beauty are beginning to be appreciated; I prophesy the coming year will far outstrip any former year." Suggests that the Supreme Representative see if the fourth or Endowment Rank cannot be consolidated with the third and given at the same time to all who desire it.

Questions asked: "Can Pages or Esquires assist in transacting the business of the Lodge?"

The question seems almost silly to us, and the Grand Chancellor gave the only answer that he could give: "No."

"Can balloting be done while working in the first or second ranks?"

His answer to this was the same as our custom has always been: "All balloting must be done when open in the third rank?"

In this jurisdiction a Lodge surrendered its charter, and divided the funds among the members.

The Grand Chancellor instituted legal proceedings to recover the money. The Court decided that each of the members participating is liable for the amount received, and the Master of Exchequer liable for the whole amount.

Adopted this resolution:

Resolved, That during the coming year any authorized officer organizing a new Lodge shall be allowed the sum of twenty dollars, out of the funds due the Grand Lodge, for each and every Lodge he shall thus organize.

MAINE.

The Grand Chancellor speaks encouragingly of the Order and says. "Although all has not been realized that we hoped for, yet we can have no doubt but that before another session much fruit will be gathered from the seed sown during the past year."

He gives a detailed account of his correspondence with our Grand Lodge officers in regard to Lodges in this jurisdiction receiving members living in that State, and closes the subject by ex-

pressing himself as perfectly satisfied with the result at length attained.

He has visited the Lodge in Great Falls, and granted permission for Prospect Lodge, and Rising Sun Lodge, to receive persons living in his jurisdiction.

He makes several pertinent suggestions, among which we notice the non-attendance and apparent lack of interest of Past Chancellors.

We wish that his words on this point might be heard and heeded by the Past Chancellors of this State.

He says: "Past Chancellors, you have a duty to perform, and see to it that the honors conferred upon you have not been misplaced."

Another complaint is that in many of the Lodges the officers confine themselves too closely to the ritual.

Brothers, does not the same fault exist in the Lodges in this State?

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reports two new Lodges instituted, and a net gain of one hundred members.

OHIO.

Decisions by the Grand Chancellor:

A suspended member is not entitled to be called brother.

He cannot be punished for appearing in public parade in uniform with a Lodge other than that to which he belonged, but the Lodge that permits him so to do offends.

It would seem that some of the Lodges in this jurisdiction have a set time to close their meetings. The Grand Chancellor rules that the Lodge must remain in session until all the regular and necessary business is dispatched.

The new degree, as he calls the Endowment Rank, seems to be well received in Ohio, as about two hundred had been instituted at the date of the Grand Chancellor's report.

Gain of one hundred and sixteen Knights, and net gain of one Lodge.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The proceedings of this grand body are embraced in a volume of over five hundred pages, a considerable part of which is taken up with tables and Grand Lodge Constitution. As many of their customs are different from ours, we present some points which may be of interest, if not directly useful to us as a body.

The Grand Chancellor says he did not visit nearly all the Lodges,

but what he did visit involved a travel of forty-five hundred miles.

For a long time it appears that most of the Grand Lodge offices were held by Knights residing in Philadelphia, and it was a matter of surprise that the decrease in membership in that city was as large or larger than in in any other part of the State.

We give his own words for the reason:

"The Grand Lodge officers have had the idea that these visits were intended as pleasure excursions, more than as a means of spreading information among the brethren and giving them encouragement. They forgot that much good might be done by making short visits and giving a few words of encouragement or instruction, or both, as circumstances might seem to justify.

In reply to a question if a Chinaman could become a member, he decided that a Chinaman was a Mongolian, and therefore not a white man.

He also decided that a week cannot be divided, taking a fraction of it to put a member in arrears.

The custom in Pennsylvania is that the candidates for all the offices be voted for on one ticket and at the same time.

All the Sections of the Endowment Rank in this jurisdiction are flourishing, and all who have connected themselves therewith are satisfied.

Four new Lodges have been instituted, and two merged together.

So, brothers, we leave the report in your hands. We regret that the time at our command was so limited that we could not give the matter the attention which its importance demands.

Some of the matters referred to have been spoken of that we may see how other jurisdictions decide questions which may some time come before us.

Others that we may see what trivial, as they seem to us, questions the Grand Lodge officers in other States are called upon to decide.

Our hope is that the Committee on Foreign Correspondence may be able at the next session to present a full report from every Grand Jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. and B.,

FRANK J. PILLSBURY,

For the Committee.

REPORT OF SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Sept. 10th, 1878.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XIV.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

The Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the World, held its tenth annual session at Odd Fellows' Hall, Indianapolis, Indiana, commencing Tuesday, August 27th, continuing in session five days. The Knights of Indianapolis and the Grand Lodge of Indiana gave a hearty and sincere welcome to the members of the Supreme Lodge and visiting brothers from various States.

All the officers of the Supreme Lodge were represented, with the exception of the Supreme Inner Guard, and most of the Grand Jurisdictions were represented.

It will be impossible in this report to give a full account of the proceedings of the Supreme Lodge, as much of the time of your representatives was employed on committees, or in filling one of the offices of the Lodge.

Your attention is called to such notes as we were able to make, which we believe more particularly interest the Order in our own State.

The special committee, appointed at session of 1876, to determine the priority of Past Supreme Chancellors, presented the report of said committee, which was adopted. This places JUSTUS H. RATHBONE, Founder of the Order, first on the list of Past Supreme Chancellors, and strikes from the same list the name of CLARENCE M. BARTON.

Resolution on penalty for using other than Official Receipts was adjudged to be fully covered by existing laws, but the committee recommend that officers of the Grand Jurisdictions call the attention of subordinates to the enactments of the Supreme Lodge on this subject, and require their compliance therewith.

When a Subordinate Lodge is in session a motion to adjourn is not proper, but should be that the Lodge proceed to close, and this motion should not be entertained until the regular order of business has been called by the Chancellor Commander. *Ruling of the Supreme Chancellor approved.*

In case of a Subordinate Lodge being suspended, or surrendering their charter, a Grand Chancellor may issue withdrawal cards to Pages or Esquires of such extinct Lodges to connect themselves with a Lodge in that or any other jurisdiction, on such

terms as are provided by local law. *Ruling of the Supreme Chancellor approved.*

A transfer of membership in the case of Pages and Esquires from one Lodge to another is only by withdrawal card, the same as with Knights, their rank being stated in the card. *Ruling of Supreme Chancellor approved.*

QUESTIONS.

Is it proper for a Chancellor Commander to instruct a visiting brother in the passwords of the several ranks, be being in possession of the S. A. P. W.

Decided no, unless such visiting brother present a proper order therefor.

Can a brother holding a withdrawal card, and residing in one jurisdiction, deposit his card in a Lodge of another State or jurisdiction, if there are Lodges in the immediate vicinity of his residence.

Not without the written consent of the nearest Lodge.

Resolution on change of form of holder for Knight's jewel, making it more suitable for name of owner, was adopted.

On the Order in Vermont, it was voted that it be placed under the Grand Jurisdiction of New Hampshire, provided the Grand Lodge of this State concur therein.

It was voted to hold the next session of the Supreme Lodge at St. Louis, Missouri.

The Committee on Written Work reported adversely upon omitting baldrics on occasion of parade. *Adopted.*

It was voted that an aspirant for Past Grand Chancellor could only attain that rank by the method laid down by law.

It was voted that the Supreme Representative tax be fixed at fifty dollars per year.

The query as to when a brother who deposits a card in a Lodge becomes a member was adjudged matter for local legislation.

The Committee on Endowment presented a report recommending the approval of the decision of the Supreme Chancellor in endowment matters, printed on pages 6, 7 and 8 of his report. *Adopted.*

This embodied a resolution making the assessment $1.10 instead of $1.25.

A new form of endowment application was adopted.

The Committee on Laws and Supervision reported, recommending the term of Supreme Representatives be changed from two to four years, being an amendment to the law on page 1443, Supreme Lodge Proceedings of 1877. *Adopted.*

It was voted to make the password of the Grand Lodges a permanent word as in the case with the Subordinates, and provided for the issuing of the same.

The shield was re-adopted, and its cost fixed at a reduced rate to Grand Lodges.

It was voted that the Supreme Chancellor issue an annual shield word to accompany the shield.

The matter in relation to Uniform Rank, after some discussion, was postponed until the next session. See Circular No. 1 of Supreme Chancellor.

The report of the Committee on Reports of Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal and Supreme Master of Exchequer was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Finance, recommending the closing of accounts of the old debt of the Supreme Lodge, was adopted.

The bond of the Supreme Master of Exchequer was presented and approved.

The bond of the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal was presented and approved.

The following officers of the Supreme Lodge were duly elected and installed:

Supreme Chancellor, David B. Woodruff, Macon, Ga.

Supreme Vice Chancellor, George W. Lindsay, Baltimore, Md.

Supreme Prelate, Rev. William B. Thompson, Nashville, Tenn.

Supreme Master-at-Arms, Robinson Williams, Portland, Me.

Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, Joseph Dowdall, Columbus, Ohio.

Supreme Master of Exchequer, John B. Stumph, Indianapolis, Ind.

Supreme Inner Guard, Thomas M. Fisher, Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory.

Supreme Outer Guard, John W. Thompson, Washington, D. C.

The present session of the Supreme Lodge has been a very interesting and important one. A large amount of business was transacted, and a great deal goes over to the next session, which meets at St. Louis, Missouri, on the fourth Tuesday in August, 1880.

Respectfully submitted,

J. FRANK SEAVEY,
ALBERT STORY,
Supreme Representatives.

NOTE.—Owing to the completeness of the statistical information concerning the state of the Order in this jurisdiction, as already supplied by the several foregoing reports, the usual table is omitted.

PROCEEDINGS

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CASTLE HALL, PROSPECT LODGE, No. 13,
Great Falls, N. H., Feb. 5, 1880.
Pythian Period, XVI.

The Grand Lodge of New Hampshire assembled in regular annual convocation, this day, at 11 o'clock, all the grand officers being present, as follows:

CHARLES M. LANG, *Past Grand Chancellor.*
WILLIAM E. MOORE, *Grand Chancellor.*
ALBERT T. COTTON, *Grand Vice-Chancellor.*
WILLIAM A. FRYE, *Grand Prelate.*
LORENZO K. PEACOCK, *Grand Master of Exchequer.*
FRANK J. PILLSBURY, *Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.*
FRED NEWMAN, *Grand Master-at-Arms.*
JOHN N. HAINES, *Grand Inner Guard.*
EDWIN G. WILSON, *Grand Outer Guard.*

A quorum of Past Chancellors from the subordinate lodges being in attendance, after the usual examination by the Grand Master-at-Arms, and a solemn invocation by the Grand Prelate, Grand Chancellor William E. Moore declared the Grand Lodge duly opened for the transaction of business.

The following Past Chancellors were appointed to fill vacancies:

Curtis White of No. 8, in place of S. S. Davis of No. 5, on Laws and Supervision.

John P. Young of No. 3, in place of D. E. Howard of No. 8, on Finance.

Frank G. Edgerly of No. 8, in place of T. Betton of No. 9, on Credentials and Returns.

Gustave Peyser of No. 13, in place of Albert Story of No. 3, on Printing.

The reading of the records of last session was commenced, when, on motion of P. G. C. Seavey, the further reading was dispensed with, and the proceedings as printed were ordered approved.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns submitted the following report, through their chairman, W. K. Chadwick, of Olive Branch, No. 6 :

GREAT FALLS, Feb. 5, 1880.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire :

Your Committee on Credentials and Returns have examined the following credentials of Past Chancellors, and find them correct and recommend their acceptance by the Grand Lodge :

Pioneer Lodge, No. 1.—Robert J. Mitchell.
Swamscott Lodge, No. 2.—Frank O. Tilton, William H. Page.
Granite Lodge, No. 3.—Wm. W. Owen, Benj. F. Rounds.
Merrimack Lodge, No. 4.—Charles M. Currier, Robert A. Seaver.
Nashua Lodge, No. 5.—Frank C. Brown, James H. Hunt.
Olive Branch Lodge, No. 6.—George D. Lamos, Orris W. Farrar.
Rising Sun Lodge, No. 7.—John Young, Simon Wolf.
Concord Lodge, No. 8.—John Doran, George F. Kelley.
Damon Lodge, No. 9.—Chas. H. Marston, Wm. H. Haddock.
Pawtuckaway Lodge, No. 10.—John L. Randlett.
Harmony Lodge, No. 11.—R. Sherman York, Chas. G. Card.
Oriental Lodge, No. 12.—H. M. Hadley, E. O. Herrin.
Prospect Lodge, No. 13.—Calvin Whitten.
Hillsborough Lodge, No. 17.—Walter J. Farrah, Wm. H. Stuart.
Morning Star Lodge, No. 18.—Frank H. Adams, Amos W. Low.
Mt. Belknap Lodge, No. 20.—John A. Semple.

Your committee further report that they find credentials from Pioneer Lodge, No. 1, for Charles E. Dolloff; Swamscott Lodge, No. 2, for S. W. Ricker; Pawtuckaway Lodge, No. 10, for Wm. R. Bunker; Prospect Lodge, No. 13, for Charles C. Blood; Mt. Belknap Lodge, No. 20, for George A. Hatch.

We find that these persons were elected Past Chancellors in consequence of the Chancellor Commanders having been reëlected, and we recommend that they be accepted.

Your committee also find the following credentials from Olive Branch Lodge, No. 6, as having been elected by that Lodge: Jas. D. Buchananne, Jonathan D. Stratton and J. Colby Caverly, and would ask for further instructions from this grand body.

W. K. CHADWICK,
L. L. ALDRICH,
F. G. EDGERLY,
Committee on Credentials and Returns.

On motion of P. G. C. Frank E. Rollins, it was voted to accept and adopt the report, so far as it refers to the Past Chancellors who have passed through the chairs, and those elected to receive the rank by reason of the reëlection of Chancellor Commanders.

It was voted, on motion of P. C. Appleton, of No. 12, that the balance of the report be recommitted to the committee, and that they have a hearing on the matter in the ante-room.

P. C. Appleton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the next session of the Grand Lodge be holden in Suncook.

Laid on the table, on motion of P. G. C. Seavey.

On motion of P. G. C. Lang, it was voted that the Grand Lodge rank be now conferred on the Past Chancellors in waiting, and the Grand Master-at-Arms introduced the following brothers, who were duly instructed therein:

Charles E. Dolloff, Pioneer, No. 1.
Wm. W. Owens, Granite, No. 3.
Chas. M. Currier, Robert A. Seaver, Merrimack, No. 4.
Geo. D. Lamos, Orris W. Farrar, Olive Branch, No. 6.
John Greenfield, John Young, Rising Sun, No. 7.
Loren S. Richardson, John Doran, Geo. F. Kelley, Concord, No. 8.
William H. Haddock, Damon, No. 9.
R. Sherman York, Chas. G. Card, Harmony, No. 11.
Frank H. Adams, Amos W. Low, Morning Star, No. 18.
Geo. A. Hatch, John A. Semple, Mount Belknap, No. 20.

The Lodge then listened to the Grand Chancellor's report:

REPORT OF THE GRAND CHANCELLOR.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

BROTHERS: It becomes my pleasant duty to present to you my report, with the record of the official transactions of my office for the year just closed, together with such recommendations as seem to be required.

Upon assuming the duties of the high and honorable office to which by your partial favor I was one year ago elected, I had promised myself to devote to these duties the time and labor which their importance demanded, and had my opportunities tallied with my inclinations, many things left unaccomplished during my term of office would have been performed instead of being referred to my successor.

Nevertheless, I am in duty bound to render a faithful account of my stewardship, and of such official duties as I have been able to discharge.

Your attention is therefore respectfully called, first, to what has actually been done. In the first place, the mere clerical duties of the office have been found to demand no little time, and still more labor when the fact is taken into account that many letters were those of inquiry upon subjects requiring thoughtful and deliberate answer, some of them asking for renderings of decisions upon doubtful points of law. Numerous private and unofficial letters have been addressed to me during the term, to which I have always given respectful attention, and such response as seemed to me to be required. More than one hundred and thirty letters have been received, exclusive of postal cards and circulars. Not a few of these communications called for elaborate replies, which could only be given after reference to the Supreme Lodge Journals, the Official Digest, and other sources of information. To some of these I shall hereafter refer.

I am happy to report that so far as official correspondence is concerned, the duties of the office of Grand Chancellor have been performed, if not with ability, at least with alacrity, and that no cause for complaint has been given by delay in replying to communications.

A brief review of such official visitations as I have been permitted to make may be deemed of interest, especially to the Past Chancellors present representing the Lodges referred to.

Soon after the adjournment of this Grand Body in February last, I received an invitation to visit Mount Belknap Lodge, No. 20, at Laconia. The occasion was a public sociable, with the view of bringing the Order to the notice of the citizens of that thriving village. The exercises consisted of brief addresses, music, &c., concluding with dancing. Among those present and participating in the festivities of the occasion, were many of the first citizens of the place, representing the various trades and professions, and the effect of the entertainment was most beneficial. A suitable collation was served in the hall of the Lodge after the sociable. I was informed that as a direct result of this affair, fourteen applications were received for admission to the Lodge. Mount Belknap Lodge was fortunate in its location and still more so in the character of its charter members, being composed of men capable of appreciating the Order and of wielding a favorable influence. The predictions made one year ago as to the success of this Lodge, have been literally fulfilled, and it already ranks as one of the best Lodges in the jurisdiction. I take this opportunity at once of thanking them for hospitalities received, and of expressing my regret at being unable to make them another official visitation as I had fully intended. In this convention I beg leave to report that the bill of Mount Belknap Lodge for $12.30 was paid in full, notwithstanding the passage of an adverse amendment to the resolution authorizing the payment of the same. The significance of this amendment did not appear to be understood, and after diligent inquiry among members of the Grand Lodge present at its adoption, and failing to find any one able to throw any light upon the subject, the evident intention of the Grand Body having been to authorize the payment of the bill, the order for payment was accordingly drawn.

The action already had is respectfully submitted for your approval.

In the haste of the concluding proceedings of the last session, the matter of a charter for Mount Belknap Lodge was overlooked, and the Grand Officers therefore signed one in due form. But in process of sending the same from place to place for the signatures

of the various officers, the charter became badly torn, and at the request of the Lodge, your Grand Keeper of Records and Seal ordered another copy, which was subsequently signed and forwarded to them. This action is also submitted for your consideration and approval, if found to meet it.

Early in the term considerable correspondence was had with the officers of the Lodge at East Northwood, and it soon became evident that the prospect for the continuance of the Lodge was a matter of grave doubt. On March 4th, 1879, I received a call from Brother C. A. Brickett, of Northwood, and after a full and free discussion of the situation, I became satisfied that the interests of the Order demanded a surrender of their Charter. Every effort consistent with honor was used to avoid this result, but to no purpose. On the 27th of June following, in company with Brother Pillsbury, your G. K. of R. and S., I visited East Northwood, for the purpose of receiving the charter and property of the Lodge. This was accomplished without difficulty, and we take pleasure in testifying to the courtesy and consideration extended us by the members of No. 19, with whom the business was transacted. The funds were found sufficient to pay the local indebtedness of the Lodge, and after the surrender of the property, five of the brothers, including Brother Brickett, took out withdrawal cards, for the purpose of attaching themselves to other Lodges of the Order. I have recently received a communication from them, to which the attention of my successor is respectfully directed. I entertain a lively hope that the Order will yet obtain a permanent footing in East Northwood.

Having received an invitation to visit Concord Lodge, No. 8, for the purpose of installing their officers, I did so on the evening of Jan. 7th, 1880. This, my first visit to Concord Lodge, was a very pleasant one, being received with a genuine welcome and entertained with that spirit of hospitality for which the Lodge is noted. The hall is convenient and well furnished, with the advantage of a banquet room and ample ante-rooms. The attendance was good, and during the evening the third rank was conferred in a manner that reflected credit upon the officers entrusted with the work. But the most noticeable and pleasing feature was the pleasant and fraternal spirit that seemed to prevade the Lodge, and the abounding good nature and brotherly kindness that marked the proceed-

ings, giving the best evidence that harmony and peace prevail. I am happy to express my gratitude and thanks to the members of Concord Lodge for the courteous reception accorded me.

My next visit was to Nashua, No. 5, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 14th, which evening, by a mistake in reading a date, was fixed upon instead of the 21st, when I was expected, so that the Lodge was fairly taken by surprise. Nevertheless, I received a hearty welcome and was much pleased with the courageous spirit that seemed to animate the members. The work of the first rank was conferred upon a candidate during the evening, and the officers exhibited a good degree of proficiency in the work. The hall is small but comfortable and cosy, seeming to invite the social element. After apparently sleeping for a term of years, this Lodge has recently taken a new lease of life, seems imbued with new vigor, and bids fair to recover its old time prestige as one of the foremost among our subordinates. Past Supreme Chancellor Davis, with others, joined in extending to me courteous and knightly honors.

On Monday, Jan. 19th, I had the pleasure, for the first time, of visiting Myrtle Lodge, No. 14, at Fisherville, and although short notice was given, I was received with open arms, and I need never wish for a warmer welcome than was extended by the brothers there. The Lodge room is convenient, centrally located, and affords a sufficient accommodation for their wants. Owing to business failures in Fisherville and the consequent removal of many of their members to other places in search of employment, the membership has been reduced to about their original number chartered. But their courage is not only good, but unequalled anywhere, and I know of no Lodge in the jurisdiction so well deserving of commendation for the fidelity with which they have upheld the principles of our Order, and the indomitable pluck with which they have encountered and withstood so many discouraging circumstances. With the return of better times, I venture to predict an honorable future for this Lodge, which has so bravely struggled through adverse surroundings to maintain its organization. I must be pardoned if I allude to the superior manner in which the brothers of this Lodge render the musical portion of the ritual, and must admit that the opening and closing odes were sung with such inspiring effect, that that alone well repaid me for

my visit. The members of No. 14 may rest assured that I shall long bear with me the remembrance of their kind and hospitable treatment.

Wednesday, Jan. 21st, I had the pleasure of visiting Olive Branch Lodge, No. 6, at Dover. This fine Lodge is an honor to the jurisdiction, and is too well known to need either description or commendation at the hands of your grand officers. Suffice it to say I was received and treated with characteristic hospitality. The spirit of the Lodge, as manifested by the members in their remarks upon the floor, evinced the highest regard for the Order, and a disposition to place it second to no other kindred institution. We have abundant reason to be proud of Olive Branch Lodge, and may depend upon it in any emergency.

On the evening of Jan. 26th, I took occasion to pay an unexpected visit to Pioneer Lodge, at Newmarket. This was my first visit to this Lodge, but I hope it may not be the last. The membership is not large, but the Brothers are united and determined to maintain their organization. That they have so long done so in the face of discouraging circumstances, is the best evidence that they will continue to cling to the Order, as to an institution endeared to them, and I am happy to believe that with the lapse of time, and under such varying aspects, the practical features of our brotherhood have so recommended themselves that in this, the birth-place of the Order in this jurisdiction, that we shall never be left without a witness to its beneficent work. Since writing my report the following letter was received :

New Market, February 1, 1880.
Pythian Period xvi.

To Wm. E. Moore, Grand Chancellor:

Dear Sir and Brother: The following is my report as District Deputy Grand Chancellor for Pioneer Lodge, No. 1, for the present term.

I installed the officers of this Lodge on the evening of Jan. 8th. They are good men, who have the welfare of the Order at heart. We have done a little work during the year, having made two Knights and one Page, the last at our last meeting. We have three applications now in the hands of committee, with a prospect of more soon. The coming year bids fair to be one of success to Pioneer Lodge. With the general improvement in business in the country, I have no

doubt but we shall increase both numerically and financially. I bespeak for this Lodge a successful future.

Yours in F. C. and B.,
DAVID A. STEVENS,
D. D. G. C.

On Monday, Jan. 26th, I had the pleasure, for the first time, of meeting with the brothers of Swampscott Lodge, in their Castle Hall, at Exeter. They are fortunate in the location and character of their hall, which is a beautiful and commodious room, elegantly furnished and affording them every needed facility. The membership is not large, but it is composed of men who have learned to respect and love the Order. I was greatly pleased to meet, unexpectedly, one of our Past Grand Officers, John W. Saul, of Concord. The evening was passed very pleasantly, and I am happy to report so large a proportion of the members attached to the Endowment Rank, 40 out of 45.

On the following evening, Jan. 27th, I paid a visit to Damon, No. 9, at Portsmouth. This veteran Lodge maintains its high rank for efficiency in work and discipline. The night was very stormy and the attendance not large, but the spirit manifested was of the highest order, and I was especially well pleased to witness the unanimity of the members in reference to the care of their sick brothers,—a feature deserving of commendation everywhere. The Lodge needs no compliments at my hands.

By special invitation, I had the pleasure of visiting Hillsborough Bridge, on the occasion of a grand ball, given Wednesday evening, Jan. 28th, by the members of Hillsborough Lodge. The ball was preceded by a vocal and instrumental concert, given in the Congregational church. The festivities following were conducted in a manner reflecting great credit upon the brothers having the affair in charge. The supper given at the hotel was really elegant, and would have done credit to any town of much greater pretensions. The ball was a success in every particular, and I feel indebted to our Hillsborough friends for an exceptionably pleasant evening. A considerable delegation was present from Concord, including Past G. C. Lang and wife, Grand Master-at-Arms Newman, and others. I cannot withhold from this Lodge the tribute of praise so well deserved, and I feel that this Grand Body is under obligations to those faithful few, who, under so many discouraging circum-

stances held fast by the tenets of our Order, until at length their efforts were crowned with success. The history of this Lodge is an illustration of what can be accomplished by a handful of men who are determined not to fail.

On Friday evening, I visited the Lodge at Milton Mills, and somewhat contrary to my expectations, I found clear skies and smooth waters, where I had expected storms and breakers. From the previous reports received, and from the frequent visitations required of my predecessors, I was prepared to find a Lodge predisposed to discord, but to my surprise, I found the brothers harmonious and united, all disturbing elements eliminated, and the Lodge on the high road to prosperity. They are out of debt, and are growing as rapidly as the interests of the Order warrant. As I had the pleasure of assisting at the institution of this Lodge, I feel especial pleasure in being able to present so good a report, and to know the morning star of peace shines upon them, and my personal thanks, added to the congratulations of this Grand Body, are certainly due to the faithful brotherhood at Milton Mills, who have honored and illustrated the principles of the Order by the exercise of self-sacrificing spirit and of acts worthy of the highest praise.

On Tuesday evening, Jan. 3d, I visited Pawtuckaway Lodge, No. 10, at Epping. The night was the stormiest of the season and the roads rendered nearly impassable from the drifts, so that no meeting was attempted to be held. Several of the brothers assembled, however, at the hotel, where with Brother Bunker in the double capacity of landlord and Brother Knight, we passed the evening in discussing the prospects of the Order at large, and of No. 10 in particular. Various circumstances, in addition to the hard times, have retarded the growth of this Lodge and interfered with its prosperity, but there are those among its members who have determined to hold fast in the faith, and I have reason to believe that in due season they will meet with the success they deserve.

On last evening, Jan. 4th, it was my good fortune to meet the brothers of Prospect Lodge, in their elegant Castle Hall. Having had some previous acquaintance with the members of this Lodge and experienced their hospitality, I was not unprepared to find the Lodge maintaining its place in the front ranks of the Pythian phalanx. Their work is always done in a superior manner, the ritual

being well memorized, which adds to the impressiveness of the ceremonies. You will have an opportunity of meeting with them personally during the present session, as we are in one sense their guests, and will undoubtedly form among them, as I have done, many pleasant acquaintances.

I regret that the demands of my business, coupled with reasons of a private and domestic nature, have prevented me from visiting the Lodges at Suncook, Rochester and Farmington. But after using my best endeavors I found I was unable to do so.

In reference to the two Lodges at Manchester, I can only say that they still continue to maintain their former high reputation for discipline and efficiency. Both Lodges occupy the same hall and hold the property in common. Granite Lodge, No. 3, is a quiet and orderly Lodge, pursuing the even tenor of its way, manifesting a praiseworthy spirit of subordination to authority, and in this respect is a model institution. Its membership remains about the same from year to year, and it is distinguished for the excellent care it bestows upon its sick members. I am proud to be found enrolled among its members. Merrimack Lodge, No. 4, is an excellent working Lodge, and has few, if any equals as regards proficiency in work. The officers memorize their several parts and the ranks are conferred with an impressive dignity seldom witnessed. The work of the Amplified Third Rank is also performed by this Lodge in a superior manner. This Lodge has had the misfortune to lose heavily its accumulated fund, through the dishonesty of their Master of Finance, P. C. E. B. Cutler, who, in consequence, was suspended in disgrace. Notwithstanding this severe blow, the Lodge has recovered and its members are entitled to great credit for their fidelity to the Order.

CIRCULARS.

Circulars Nos. 8 and 11, from the office of the Supreme Chancellor, were received and the subject matter in them promulgated to the subordinate Lodges in circulars Nos. 1 and 2, issued from this office, and also a circular issued by suggestion of Olive Branch, Lodge, No. 6, of Dover, in reference to an impostor who, under various names, had attempted to victimize the Order. This circular was very generally circulated, and responses were received from the grand jurisdictions of Maine, Rhode Island, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Texas.

GRIEVANCES.

I am gratified at being able to state that during the last year not a single complaint or grievance has reached me from any point in the jurisdiction, with the single exception on the part of the Lodge at Milton Mills, complaining of unnecessary delay in obtaining permission from Riverside Lodge, at Sanford, Maine, to receive and act upon applications from candidates residing within the territorial jurisdiction of the last mentioned Lodge. The accompanying correspondence on this subject explains itself.

BIDDEFORD, Me., April 8th, 1879.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XVI.

To Wm. E. Moore, G. C.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of March 25th was duly received by me and I hope you will pardon delay in answering. In regard to your request, "that Morning Star Lodge, of Milton Mills, be granted permission to receive the application of William H. Lowd, who lives in the jurisdiction of Riverside Lodge of Maine," I would say that they having waived jurisdiction, permission is hereby granted with pleasure. With many wishes for the success of our Order in your State, I am,

Fraternally yours,
CHARLES M. MOSES.
G. C.

The very best of feeling now prevails between the two grand jurisdictions, which I am happy to believe will not be disturbed.

There is, however, another case of a different nature, to which I desire at this time to call your attention, and I beg your indulgence in reading the following correspondence:

HILLSBOROUGH BRIDGE, February 12th, 1879.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XVI.

To Wm. E. Moore, G. C.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: We are appointed, or rather elected, a committee to address to you a letter of inquiry, appeal, and solemn protest, which we most respectfully proceed to do. We refer to the circular issued in behalf of our Lodge, by G. C. Charles M. Lang. Our inquiry is, as to your view of the matter as it stands on account of his action at the Grand Lodge; and also what can be done?

First—What would you advise us to do?

Second—Will the Lodges recognize his circular and respond to it?

Please tell us how you view it; and whether anything more can be done.

We appeal to you for recognition and endorsement of our cause so far as our action is concerned; and ask you to aid us so far as you can, justly. Two Lodges have nobly responded, Concord Lodge sending $15, and Olive Branch, of Dover, $20. Our Lodge feels gratified at your election to the highest office in our Order in the State, and trust that it may be convenient for you to pay us an early visit.

Yours in F. C. and B.

HARRY L. BRICKETT, A. M.
REV. W. H. STUART,
IRA W. JACKMAN, D. D. G. C.
J. H. T. NEWELL, K. of R. and S.

MANCHESTER, February 14th, 1879.

To Harry L. Brickett, A. M., Rev. W. H. Stuart, Ira W. Jackman, D. D. G. C., J. H. T. Newell, K. of R and S:

BROTHERS: Your communication under date of Feb. 12th, inst., is received, and in reply I beg leave to state that in my view of the case under consideration, I regard the circular of Past Grand Chancellor Lang as an official document, and as such properly entitled to presentation in his report to the Grand Lodge. His neglect to so present it I regard simply as an error of judgment. As to the action of the Grand Lodge in the premises, I do not well see what particular course could be indicated for that body to pursue. This, of course, would depend upon the interpretation given to the circular. The call for aid was to the Subordinate Lodges, and to them only. It seems to me that the circular should have been read, and a report made as to what response had been made in money contributions. A motion could very properly have been made and carried in the Grand Lodge to appropriate some sum in further aid. But no such motion prevailed. Nothing was really binding upon the Grand Body. The circular was not even mandatory upon the Subordinate Lodges, it simply called for aid and recommended that such contributions as each Lodge might see proper to make should be forwarded to certain parties, and that was all.

I regret, brothers, that so little attention was paid to the appeal. I still hope and believe that other Lodges may respond to your appeal for assistance, especially when such appeal is reinforced by the Grand Officers. I shall cheerfully use my best endeavors to bring your just claim anew before the various Subordinate Lodges, where alone it can be now recognized.

Finally, my brothers, let peace and harmony prevail. Bury the past and look hopefully forward. If you will do this, and put the most charitable construction possible upon the acts of my predecessor in office, I promise to do all in my power to aid you. Thanking you for your congratulations, I am, as ever,

Fraternally yours in F. C. and B.,
W. E. MOORE, *G. C.*

In view of the foregoing state of facts, I take the liberty of recommending, at this late day, an appropriation of $25 from the Treasury of the Grand Lodge, in aid of those brothers at Hillsboro' Bridge, who are the parties in interest, and I hope that this recommendation, as a simple act of justice, may prevail without a dissenting voice.

COMMISSIONS.

Past Chancellor Cyrus Freeman, Prospect Lodge, No. 13, having been appointed as D. D. G. C., declined to serve and returned his commission, whereupon, after considerable delay, Past Chancellor John H. Lord was commissioned in his stead. Past Chancellor Stewart I Brown, of Mystic, No. 14, also declining to serve, on account of ill-health and absence, Past Chancellor Charles N. Robertson was commissioned in that capacity. The D. D. G. C., of Merrimack, No. 4, having been elected C. C., a commission for the unexpired term was issued to Past Chancellor Frank H. Hickok, of that Lodge. Under similar circumstances Brother C. E. Harriman was commissioned for No. 7, in place of Geo. A. McDuffie.

PRINTING.

The constitutions for Grand and Subordinate Lodges, adopted at the last session of the Grand Lodge, were printed soon after the adjournment in February, and delivered to the G. K. R. S., who will doubtless make report to you in reference to the same.

The constitution for Subordinate Lodges was kept in type for more than six months, with the view of allowing Subordinate Lodges desiring copies, to procure them at a rate as near cost as practicable. The price fixed upon was fifty cents per page for as many copies as each Lodge would reasonably desire, not exceeding 300. But 3 or 4 Lodges availed themselves of the offer, and the whole undertaking, so far as the printer was concerned, was a failure, resulting in a money loss to him. The blame, if any is cast, may be attributed solely, I think, to the fact that the printing business as a trade is so overdone that nothing like remunerative prices can be obtained, so that estimates for work are generally misleading and unsatisfactory.

The proceedings for the last two sessions of the Grand Body were printed as early as practicable, and also at a rate that proved unremunerative, owing to the extremely low bids made by outside

parties. The language of the resolution under which the Committee on Printing acted, was so framed as to take from them discretionary power, and only after considerable correspondence and repeated meetings was a decision arrived at. Your recording officer will doubtless give you the report of the transaction, as finally concluded upon. I can only cite, in illustration of the fact that the labor of my fellow-craftsmen is not blessed, the fact that a Great Falls printer, whose name I do not know, offered to print the Constitution and By-Laws for Prospect Lodge at forty-four cents per page. I need not add that he secured the contract. So that it appears men can still be found who act upon the presumption that "The laborer is not worthy of his hire."

PUBLIC DISPLAY.

Several of the Lodges in the jurisdiction have made public displays during the term. The Lodge at Suncook paraded in uniform, and took part in the ceremonies of Decoration Day. My permission having been asked, the matter was referred to their District Deputy, to act at his discretion. On the 11th of September, on the occasion of the dedication of the Soldiers' Monument at Manchester, a display of unusual brilliancy occurred, in which the Masons, Odd Fellows, and other civic societies participated. At a late day, the two Lodges in Manchester decided to join the procession, and invitations were sent out accordingly to other Lodges, but the time was too short to admit of any general response. Delegations were present, however, from Laconia, Concord, Suncook and elsewhere, and a creditable appearance was made. I regret that earlier action and united effort could not have placed the Order in a still more favorable attitude before the public, and I trust the lesson will not be lost upon us. I must be pardoned for not noticing other displays within our borders, if such have been made, since no notice of them has been received.

AMENDMENTS.

In looking over the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I find in Article XIX, that "the weekly benefits shall not be less than $1 per week, for sixteen weeks, in any given year," and in article VIII, Sec. 1st of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, I find that "weekly benefits shall not be less than $1 per week, for thirteen

weeks in any given year." It is recommended that the two provisions be so modified as to correspond with the intention of the Grand Lodge and with each other.

The Constitution for the Grand Lodge was sent to Supreme Chancellor Woodruff for his approval, which was granted, with the exception of the provision in regard to the election of Supreme Representatives. This is referred to you for such action as may be found necessary.

It is also recommended that the resolution on printing be so framed as to confer suitable discretionary power.

It is still further recommended that Sec. 3, Art. VIII, be amended by striking out the words, "and the full amount afterwards accruing, the latter being optional with each Lodge."

Your attention is also respectfully called to the following resolution, found on page 79, proceedings of 1875:

Resolved, That from and after this date no Past Chancellors be made in this jurisdiction except by actual service as Chancellor Commander; provided, that whenever a Chancellor Commander is reelected, or a Past Chancellor is elected as Chancellor Commander, the Lodge may elect by ballot some Knight on whom this Grand Lodge will confer the rank of Past Chancellor; said election must take place before the session of the Grand Lodge following the reelection of said Chancellor Commander or a Past Chancellor.

This resolution, I think, should be so changed as to conform to the principle that no vacancy can exist by reason of the reëlection either of a C. C. or P. C., until the expiration of the term for which such officer was elected.

DECISIONS.

I have been called upon to make several decisions. Among those to which I desire to call your attention are the following:

1. Can a Lodge appear at a funeral of a deceased brother in citizens dress, with a funeral badge?

Answer—Yes.

2. Mt. Belknap Lodge, No. 20, reëlected a C. C. for a second term, and immediately elected a Knight from the floor to fill what they regarded as a vacancy. Having appealed to me as to their right to do so, I decided that they had no such right, as there was no vacancy until the close of the Chancellor Commander's second term of office.

3. A member of Olive Branch Lodge applied for a withdrawal card, which was granted and taken up. Said member, changing his mind before having deposited his card elsewhere, desired to renew his connection with Olive Branch Lodge. Wanted to know on what terms the Lodge could receive him?

Answer—He may be received precisely on the same terms as if he were a member of another Lodge.

4. In answer to an inquiry as to the manner in which the ballot should be taken upon the question of suspending a brother, after due trial, upon charges preferred and sustained, I found myself unable to give a decision, and would respectfully refer the inquiry to this Grand Body.

5. Can a Page have the other two ranks given him by a Lodge in another jurisdiction?

Answer—Yes.

6. When a ball ballot has been taken for a candidate, and he is declared rejected, has the C. C. a right to state how many black balls were thrown, even if requested so to do by a member, or any number of members?

Answer—He has not.

7. In answer to an inquiry as to the right of Subordinate Lodges to elect the M. at A., I replied that that officer must be appointed. Since giving the above decision I have found I was clearly in error, as under the present law the method of election or appointment is optional.

8. The same question as to the right to elect from the floor, immediately after election of a P. C. as C. C., was answered as in No. 2. In some correspondence subsequently had with the G. V. C., I took the position that a distinction should be made between the cases of the re-election of a C. C. and of a P. C. But, after mature reflection, I am now persuaded that the principle is the same in both cases, and that there is no vacancy in either until the expiration of the term.

The above questions and answers are respectfully submitted for your consideration.

VERMONT.

Some time after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge one year ago, after a visit to Bro. Davis, of Nashua, in reference to the matter,

I addressed a communication to the last Sup. District Deputy of Vermont, J. M. Otis, at Rutland, but failed to receive a reply. After waiting a reasonable time I again addressed the same officer, asking him to name a day for an interview. Receiving no response to this letter, I sent a postal card asking him if he had received my letters, to which no answer was received. After still further delay this somewhat one-sided correspondence was discontinued, although I fully intended to visit Rutland subsequently, but the condition of my private affairs and the demands of my business made it impossible for me to do so. I regret being obliged to make this unsatisfactory report in reference to the jurisdiction of Vermont, and venture to express the hope that my successor may be more fortunate in having the time and means to carry out the wishes of the Grand Lodge.

CONCLUSION.

In bringing my report to a conclusion, it will be observed that I have attempted to give you no figures or statistics of any kind. These, I doubt not, will be presented in the reports to follow. The Grand Master of Exchequer will present the financial exhibit, and your recording officer the vital statistics of the Order.

I am not insensible to the fact that many shortcomings have marked my official term. But I am still enabled to report the condition of the Order throughout the jurisdiction as upon the whole most satisfactory. Upon a review of the past and its honest comparison with the present, we may certainly indulge in congratulations at our progress, and with well founded hope look forward to future growth and usefulness. At no time, as it seems to me, has the Order stood so strong and so self-possessed, and never before have the expressions of regard for its principles and of confidence in its stability been so general and hearty. We have now reached that period in our history, when we are fairly entitled to say the Order has been put to the test of comparison with others, and we may as truly say it has withstood the test. To this we may superadd the apparent fact that we have gained an enviable place in the confidence and esteem of the general public, and in a broad view of the situation I feel warranted in saying we have abundant reason for gratitude for what has been achieved, and for the most sanguine hopes for the future. That the adoption of the Endowment Rank has contributed in no small degree to our prosperity and

strength, I entertain no doubt, and I feel bound to commend this comparatively new feature as one of the most helpful adjuncts in building up our Brotherhood the peer of any kindred institution in christendom.

Brothers, with sincere and heartfelt thanks to my associate Grand Officers, with whom both personal and official relations have been uninterruptedly pleasant, and with a keen appreciation of the considerate kindness I have ever received at your hands, I now surrender the jewel of my office, with the liveliest hopes for the continued prosperity and usefulness of our honorable Order.

Fraternally,

W. E. MOORE,

Grand Chancellor.

On motion of P. G. C. Lang the same was referred to the committee on Laws and Supervision.

Voted, on motion of P. C. Saul, that we take a recess until 2:30 o'clock.

AFTERNOON.

Met according to adjournment, and after the customary examination by the Grand Master-at-Arms, the Lodge was declared duly open for business.

The Grand Chancellor read a telegram from Supreme Chancellor Woodruff, announcing that he would arrive in Great Falls on the 3:25 train. Past Grand Chancellors Libbey, Seavey and Rollins were appointed a committee to meet him at the depot and escort him to the hall.

It was voted that he be the guest of the Grand Lodge during his stay in Great Falls, and that we pay his expenses to and from Boston.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns presented this report:

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

Your committee to whom was referred the credentials of James D. Buchananne, Jonathan D. Stratton and J. Colby Caverly, of Olive Branch Lodge, No. 6, beg leave to report that after consult-

ing the Constitution we do not deem it advisable to admit them, and would so report.

W. K. CHADWICK,
L. L. ALDRICH,
F. G. EDGERLY,
Committee.

Report adopted on motion of Past Chancellor Appleton.

The following named Past Chancellors being in waiting were introduced by the Grand Master-at-Arms and duly instructed:

ALTON HURD, Rising Sun Lodge, No. 7.

CALVIN WHITTEN, CHAS. C. BLOOD and JOHN M. FRENCH, Prospect, No. 13.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal read his report:

GREAT FALLS, February 5, 1880.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XVI.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire.

On entering upon the duties of this office it was with the feeling that it was a station involving much responsibility and no small amount of labor. It is needless to say that I have not been disappointed, still I have found it not without its sunny side and have endeavored to perform its duties as faithfully and promptly as circumstances would permit, and trust they may meet with your approval.

It is not my intention to weary you with a long report, but simply to give a statement of the condition of the Order, together with such suggestions as have from time to time presented themselves.

GRAND LODGE ROSTER.

This is a matter that has occupied much time and attention during the year, more than any one would think who had not had experience.

On looking over the facts to be gained, I was satisfied that to endeavor to acquire them by correspondence would involve a large amount of writing for the Keeper of Records and Seal of Subordinate Lodges, as well as myself. Accordingly, acting on the advice of members of this Grand Body, I visited all of the older Lodges and took the required information from the original records. In

this service, an amount of time and money was expended out of all proportion to the salary attached to this office. However, I leave it for this Grand Body to make such remuneration as their generosity will permit.

Deeming it important that this information should go upon the book with as few mistakes as possible, I have copied the list upon blanks, which I hope members of the different Lodges will examine and make such corrections as may be necessary.

I am glad to say that the work is practically done, and I feel that each year will add to its value as a matter of history. In this connection I must say that I find a great lack of uniformity in the various Lodges, in the matter of keeping the roster. Some involve a search through the record books to find out the facts about a brother's admission to the Order and progress therein,while a very few have the information in such a condition as to be readily arrived at. I would suggest that the various Lodges procure some suitable book for keeping these matters which each year grow more and more interesting and valuable. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, of Massachusetts, has prepared a book which exactly answers this purpose, and by the kindness of Concord Lodge I am permitted to have one at this meeting, which the brothers are invited to examine.

SUPREME LODGE TAX.

This, together with the reports of the Supreme Lodge, was forwarded early in the year, and as usual was among the first, if not the first, to reach the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal. I hope we shall continue this good custom of being among the first.

DIONYSIUS LODGE, NO. 19.

On the 27th of June I accompanied Grand Chancellor Moore to East Northwood, for the purpose of receiving the charter and other paraphernalia of this Lodge. Five brothers took withdrawal cards, and the property was forwarded to me and is now, by permission of Concord Lodge, in one of their ante-rooms, together with what remains of the outfit from Nos. 15 and 16.

I would suggest that the Grand Chancellor be authorized to cause the same to be examined and such parts as can be put in condition be repaired and the remainder destroyed, thus saving room in storage and transporting useless baggage, when circum-

stances render it necessary that the same be moved. Besides this, it would be in condition then to be disposed of to a new Lodge, should one be formed, as we hope will soon be the case.

STATISTICS OF THE ORDER.

The following statement shows the condition of the Order as taken from the Semi-Annual Reports :

Whole number of Lodges, January 1, 1879,		18
Whole number of Lodges, January 1, 1880,		17
A loss of one Lodge.		
Whole number of members, January 1, 1879,		1263
To which add :		
Initiated during the year,	120	
Reinstated,	20	
Admitted by card,	7	147
		1410
From which deduct :		
Withdrawn by card,	12	
Suspended,	65	
Deceased,	9	86
Total membership, January 1, 1880,		1324
Increase during the year,		61

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Total receipts of Subordinate Lodges,	$8152.25
Increase over last year,	349.55
Total expenditures,	7642.71
Increase over last year,	240.97
Total amount paid for relief,	1813.00
Decrease from last year,	65.94
Total amount on hand and invested, January 1, 1880,	6387.97
Increase during the year,	192.54

As required by the Constitution I submit the following report of the financial transactions of my office for the past year :

RECEIPTS.

For per capita tax,	627.75
From Grand Master of Exchequer,	392.00

From sale of supplies,	20.55
For dispensations,	6.00
From Dionysius, No. 19,	1.63
Total,	$1047.93

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for printing, including Constitutions, $64, and Journal of Proceedings, $128,	225.50
Paid Supreme Representative Tax,	100.00
" G. C. Wm. E. Moore, as per order,	50.00
" postage, postal cards, money orders, and checks,	20.90
" supplies,	10.25
" express and trucking,	6.75
" stationery,	3.48
" expenses to East Northwood,	2.60
" G. M. of Exchequer,	628.45
	$1047.93

SUPPLIES AND PRINTING.

The following supplies are now in this office:

23 Ode books.
6 Ceremony books.
24 Travelling shields.
6 Withdrawal cards.

As will be seen, the amount required for printing during the year, aside from the Constitution and Proceedings, has been small, and the office is well supplied with blanks of all kinds, so that the expenses in this direction may be small during the coming year.

Just here I wish to call the attention of the Deputy Grand Chancellors, or other installing officers, to the provisions of the last part of Sec. 1, Art. IX; also, the middle lines of Sec. 11, Art. VI.

The articles clearly make it the duty of the installing officers to receive the per capita tax and returns before the officers elect are installed into their offices, and to forward the same to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal within one week from the time of installation.

This law is not lived up to, and as a result the Grand Lodge officers are prevented from closing their reports in reasonable time

before the meeting of the Grand Lodge. This year one report was not received until the day before this meeting. I earnestly hope that this matter may be rectified, and if any further legislation is needed that it may be had at this session.

CIRCULARS.

The various circulars issued by the Grand Chancellor have been promptly sent out to the different parties for whom they were intended. It has been necessary to issue but one from this office, the one giving notice of this Grand Lodge meeting.

AID OF P. G. C. ALBERT STORY.

In September last Grand Chancellor Moore issued a circular in regard to helping this worthy brother over a hard place. The circulars were sent out to officers of the Grand Lodge and D. D. G. C. Responses have been received from the following Lodges:

Granite, No. 3,	$24.50
Olive Branch, No. 6,	20.00
Rising Sun, No. 7,	12.00
Concord, No. 8,	13.50
Prospect, No. 13,	8.00
Myrtle, No. 14,	3.50

making a total of $81.50, which has been forwarded to Brother Story. In addition to the above, Damon Lodge, No. 9, sent the sum of $15 direct to Brother Story, and Merrimack Lodge, No. 4, had raised a sum, the amount of which I have not learned, before the circular was issued. This, and other events of a similar character, show that our professions are not mere form, but that we are indeed ready to extend the strong hand of sympathy to the distressed.

THE CHARTER FOR MT. BELKNAP LODGE, NO. 20.

The Grand Lodge, at its last session, voted that a charter be granted this Lodge. One was accordingly filled out and sent them, but by some means during its transmission it became badly torn, and naturally the brothers of Laconia objected to it. Acting by advice of the Grand Chancellor a new one was procured, signed and sent them, which gives perfect satisfaction. The old one is in my possession for this Grand Body to dispose of as they shall deem proper.

GRAND LODGE CONSTITUTIONS.

The Grand Lodge Constitutions were printed early in the year and sent out to the various Lodges. A copy was sent to Supreme Chancellor Woodruff for his approval, and in a letter dated July 9th, he says: "I approve the Constitution with the exception of the paragraph in Sec. 1, Art. VI, in regard to the election of Supreme Representative. I trust such legislation may be had at this session as will make our Constitution conform to the Constitution of the Supreme Lodge.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

The proceedings of the sessions for 1877–1878 have been printed and forwarded to the various Lodges in the State, and to the other grand jurisdictions.

From a comparison made with the printed journals of other jurisdictions, I think that we have reason to feel that our publications will compare favorably with those of any Grand Lodge. I would suggest the advisability of causing them to be printed each year. Experienced printers say the expense will be but little more, and thereby we shall not only conform to the custom of our sister grand bodies, but have the legislation of each year in printed form while it is fresh in memory.

SUPREME LODGE REPORTS.

I have received from Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal Dowdoll, the reports of the officers of the Supreme Lodge, for the term ending July 31, 1879. These were sent out to the different Lodges and Past Grand Chancellors, as directed by the Supreme Lodge laws.

SUPREME LODGE JOURNALS.

In this connection I wish to call the attention of this body to the resolution adopted by the Supreme Lodge: "It shall be obligatory on all Grand and Subordinate Lodges of this Order to have a full volume of Supreme Lodge Proceedings, as issued, on hand for ready reference on law or usage points." The complete journals of the Supreme Lodge from its organization to the present time are published in two volumes of 900 pages, in law binding, and are furnished by the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal for $3.25 per volume, including postage.

I would recommend that this Grand Body procure a set, and that the attention of the Subordinate Lodges be specially called to the matter.

CONCLUSION.

There are two other matters which I hoped to have accomplished during the year, but the Grand Lodge Roster occupied so much time that I have been able to do but little towards them.

One of these objects was the completing of the files of the Journals of other Grand Jurisdictions, as far as possible.

The other was, to prepare a suitable case and properly file away the papers in this office.

Here I would say, that in taking the property from my predecessor, our present worthy Grand Vice-Chancellor, I left the desk belonging to the Grand Lodge, as I had no present need for it, and Brother Cotton could make it very useful. He was, and still is, willing to pay a fair price for it, and I would recommend that the Grand Chancellor be authorized to dispose of the same to him and devote the proceeds to making a case for the Grand Lodge papers, as suggested.

Any one who has had occasion to consult these papers will agree with me that such a case is needed, as each year the accumulations become larger and larger. I earnestly hope that this matter may be arranged before another meeting of this Grand Lodge.

In closing my report, I have to thank every brother for the kind manner in which they have aided me in the discharge of the duties of the office, and to express the hope that where mistakes have been committed they will be attributed to the fault of the head and not the heart.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and B.,

FRANK J. PILLSBURY,
G. K. R and S.

On motion of Past Chancellor Coffin, the report was accepted and the several recommendations adopted.

The Grand Master of Exchequer presented his report as follows:

GREAT FALLS, February 5th, 1880.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XVI.

To the Officers and Past Chancellors of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire:

The Grand Master of Exchequer would ask leave to present his report for the year ending February 5th, 1880:

RECEIPTS.

February 6, 1879—Cash in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer, ...	$494.13
July 17, 1879—Received from Frank J. Pillsbury, Grand Keeper Records and Seal, . .	175.00
August, 21, 1879—Received from same, . . .	100.00
January 28, 1880— " " "	175.00
February 3, 1880— " " "	166.70
February 4, 1880— " " "	11.75
Making a total of	$1122.58

DISBURSEMENTS.

February 6, 1879—Paid bill of Charles M. Lang,	$115.00
February 20, 1879—Paid Supreme Representative Tax,	100.00
February 22, 1879—Paid bill of Mt. Belknap Lodge, No. 20, ...	12.30
March 10, 1879—Paid Frank J. Pillsbury, by order of Grand Chancellor, ...	50.00
April 5, 1879—Paid Wm. E. Moore, printing Constitution, ...	64.00
July 3, 1879—Paid Wm. E. Moore, printing Proceedings, ...	75.00
July 19, 1879—Paid Wm. E. Moore, balance of bill for printing Proceedings, ...	53.00
October 10, 1879—Paid Frank J. Pillsbury, by order of the Grand Chancellor, ...	50.00

February 3, 1880--Paid Frank J. Pillsbury, salary as Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, . .	50.00
Amount paid out,	$569.30
Balance of cash in hands of G. M. of Ex.,	$553.28

Respectfully submitted,
L. K. PEACOCK,
G. M. of E.

Voted that the report be accepted and placed on file.

Bill of Wm. E. Moore, for services rendered, presented and referred to Finance Committee, and that the same be paid if found correct.

The vote whereby the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was accepted and adopted, was reconsidered on motion of Past Chancellor Smith, of No. 1, and it was voted to refer the same to a special committee.

The following were appointed as said committee: Geo. D. Lamos, of No. 6; C. L. Chapman, of No. 13, and A. W. Cotton, of No. 6.

The Committee on Finance reported that they had examined the accounts of the Grand Master of Exchequer and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and found the same correct and properly vouched for.

Report adopted.

They further report that they find the bill of Grand Chancellor Moore correct, and also recommend that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be paid $25 in addition to his salary, for services rendered during the year.

Recommendation adopted.

Past Chancellor H. Peyser made some remarks in favor of reducing the per capita tax, and on motion of Past Chancellor Doe the subject was referred to the Finance Committee, with instructions to report at this session.

The committee appointed to escort the Supreme Chancellor to the hall, entered and introduced our distinguished visitor, to whom was paid the supreme honors.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns made the following report:

To the Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

Your Committee on Credentials and Returns having examined the returns of the various Subordinate Lodges, would report as follows:

We find Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, and 18, are correct.

We find that No. 20 is in error in their report of Grand Lodge tax, in favor of themselves, twenty-five cents.

W. R. CHADWICK,
L. L. ALDRICH,
F. G. EDGERLY,
Committee.

Voted, on motion of Past Chancellor Moulton, to accept and adopt the report.

It was voted, on motion of Past Grand Chancellor Seavey, that we take the resolution offered by Past Chancellor Appleton from the table.

Past Chancellor H. Peyser moved to amend by striking out the word Suncook and inserting the word Dover.

Lost.

Past Chancellor Doe moved to amend by inserting the word Portsmouth in place of Suncook.

Lost.

Past Chancellor Peyser then moved that the matter be referred to a committee of three.

Lost.

On the vote being taken, it was unanimously voted that we go to Suncook, and that place will accordingly be honored by the presence of this Grand Body at the next session.

Brother Lamos from the special committee on report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, presented their report:

GREAT FALLS, February 5, 1880.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

Your committee would ask leave to present their report and make the following recommendations:

1. That the Constitution of this Grand Body be amended so as to conform to the Constitution of the Supreme Lodge, and would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Sec. 1, Art. VI, be amended by striking out the word "annually" in the eighth line, and inserting the word "biennially" in place thereof.

Said announcement to take effect at the session of 1881.

2. That the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be authorized to purchase a set of the bound volumes of Supreme Lodge Proceedings for the use of this Grand Lodge, and that he call the especial attention of the Subordinate Lodges to the matter.

3. That the recommendation of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal in regard to printing the Journal of Proceedings each year be adopted, and the same be done according to the resolution adopted at the last session.

4. That the Subordinate Lodges be requested to procure the "Roster Book" as suggested by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and have the same properly filled up.

5. That the Grand Chancellor be authorized to have the paraphernalia in the possession of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal examined, and such parts as can be repaired be put in order, and the balance destroyed. Also, that the mutilated charter of Mt. Belknap Lodge, No. 20, be destroyed by the Grand Chaplain.

6. That the desk now in the hands of Past Chancellor A. F. Cotton be disposed of as recommended and the proceeds be devoted towards purchasing a suitable case for the papers in the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

G. D. LAMOS,
A. W. COTTON,
C. L. CHAPMAN,
Committee.

On motion of Past Chancellor Smith, of No. 1, voted that we accept and adopt the report of the committee.

Supreme Chancellor D. B Woodruff then favored the Lodge with some able and eloquent remarks which were well received.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Chute of Maine, also made remarks in relation to the Order in that State.

On motion of Past Chancellor Charles M. Lang, a vote of thanks was returned to the Supreme Chancellor and Brother Chute.

The Finance Committee presented a report as follows:

GREAT FALLS, February 5, 1880.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

Your Finance Committee, to whom was referred the matter of a reduction of the per capita for this Grand Jurisdiction, beg leave to report as follows:

That the per capita be reduced ten cents per annum, so as to be forty instead of fifty cents.

We further find that such reduction can only be made by amending Sec. 2, Art. IX, of the Grand Lodge Constitution, and Sec. 2, Art. XII, of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. MCKINLEY,
H. PEYSER,
J. P. YOUNG.
Finance Committee.

Referred, on motion of Past Chancellor Foss, to the Committee on Laws and Supervision.

The Committee on Laws and Supervision made report on the Grand Chancellor's report:

GREAT FALLS, February 5, 1880.

To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Chancellor, would make the following report:

That so much as relates to the transportation of paraphernalia from Rochester to Laconia, be concurred in, and that the Grand Lodge pay the bill, amounting to $12.30, to Mt. Belknap Lodge.

That so much as relates to the closing up of the Lodge at East Northwood and obtaining the paraphernalia of said Lodge, be approved, and would recommend that the communication of B. H.

Boody be referred to the incoming Grand Chancellor with the hope that he may find the material for re-establishing there a Lodge which shall eventually be a shining light in the jurisdiction of New Hampshire.

That the circular issued by the Grand Chancellor in relation to Allbright, with reference to said Allbright being an impostor, shows to this Grand Body the vigilance with which this Grand Lodge interests are watched over by its presiding officers.

Your committee would therefore recommend that the action be approved.

That so much of the Grand Chancellor's report as relates to a circular issued by Past Grand Chancellor Lang, during his term of office, with reference to the brothers at Hillsborough Bridge, be concurred in, and that this Grand Lodge appropriate the sum of $25, as recommended.

That so much as refers to the appointment of officers to fill vacancies be approved.

That the recommendation of the Grand Chancellor in relation to changing the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges to agree with the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be approved.

That so much of the Grand Chancellor's report as relates to Art. VIII, Sec. 3, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be not concurred in, but be left as now appears in the Constitution.

That so much as relates to the election of Past Chancellors be approved.

Your committee would recommend that the decision of the Grand Chancellor on questions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7, be concurred in, and that question 4, which refers to the ballot for suspending a brother on trial for charges preferred, be referred to this Grand Lodge.

Finally, your committee would recommend that this Grand Body heartily approve the official acts of our retiring Grand Chancellor, and may he long live to be a bright and shining light in the constellation of the Pythian organization.

GEO. W. VARNEY,
JOHN W. SAUL,
CURTIS WHITE,
Committee on Laws and Supervision.

It was voted to accept and adopt the report of the committee, and on motion of Past Chancellor Smith, of No. 1, voted that we go into a committee of the whole to consider that part of the report which refers to ballot on members suspended on charges.

The committee of the whole made report as follows:

GREAT FALLS, February 5, 1880.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

We recommend the addition of a new section to be called Sec. 3, Art. IX, of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges:

That all suspensions for causes other than non-payment of dues shall be by a two thirds vote of those present in the Lodge, the ballot to be taken by the usual voting sign of the Order.

Adopted on motion of Past Chancellor Aldrich, of No. 3.

The Supreme Chancellor was invited to exemplify the secret work during the evening session.

Voted, on motion of Past Chancellor Shedd, that the first work of the evening session be conferring the Grand Lodge rank on those Past Chancellors who may desire to receive it.

Voted to take a recess till 8 o'clock.

EVENING.

The Lodge was called to order by Grand Vice-Chancellor Cotton, and after the Master-at Arms had made the necessary examination the Grand Lodge was declared open for business.

The Grand Master-at-Arms introduced Frank C. Brown and James H. Hunt, of Nashua Lodge, No. 5, and Jared Hubbard, of Prospect Lodge, No. 13, who were instructed in the Grand Lodge rank.

The secret work of the Order was exemplified by Supreme Chancellor Woodruff in an able manner.

Past Grand Chancellor Seavey introduced the following amendments, which were adopted:

Resolved, that Art. XIX. Sec. 1, of the Grand Lodge Constitution, be amended by striking out all after the word "week" in the seventh line.

That the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges be amended by striking out all after the word "week" in the sixth line to the word "and" in the eighth line of Art. VIII, Sec. 1.

That Art. IV, Sec. 11, be amended by striking out the words "By the Chancellor Commander" in the ninth line and inserting the words "in the usual manner."

In Art. VI, Sec. 6, strike out all after the word "stayed" in the seventh line to the word "to" in the eighth line, and insert the words "the protest shall be referred," and after the word "Knight" in the ninth line insert the words "Who shall be appointed in the usual manner."

Strike out the words "By the Chancellor Commander" in the eleventh line of Art. X, Sec. 1, and insert the words "In the usual manner."

Past Chancellor Newman offered the following resolution, which was lost:

Resolved, That wherever the word "February" occurs in Articles V and VII of the Grand Lodge Constitution it shall be changed to "May."

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter the semi-annual password shall not be communicated to the D. D. Grand Chancellors until they shall satisfy the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal that they are square upon the books of their Lodge. Also,

Resolved. That the special attention of the D. D. Grand Chancellor or other installing officers be called to Sec. 1. Art. IX of the Grand Lodge Constitution, and Sec. 1, Art. XII of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, which provide that the return and per capita tax shall be given the installing officer before the installation shall take place.

The Committee on Laws and Supervision made report:

GREAT FALLS, February 5, 1880.

Your Committee on Laws and Supervision to whom was referred the report of the Finance Committee, have examined the same and would recommend the adoption of the following amendment:

To strike out the word "five" in the third line of Art. IX, Sec. 2. Grand Lodge Constitution, and the word "five" in the third line of Art. XII, Sec. 2, of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, thereby reducing the per capita tax from twenty-five to twenty cents for each member in good standing.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. W. VARNEY,
JOHN W. SAUL,
CURTIS WHITE,
Committee on Laws and Supervision.

The amendment was accepted and adopted.

The Grand Vice-Chancellor declared a recess of five minutes, after which the Lodge proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year.

Past Grand Chancellor J. F. Seavey, of No. 6, George A. McDuffie, of No. 7, and John W. Saul, of No. 8, were appointed as tellers.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal read the following letter from the Grand Vice-Chancellor:

GREAT FALLS, February 5, 1880.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XVI.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

BROTHERS: I would respectfully announce that I am not a candidate for the office of Grand Chancellor for the ensuing year, business matters requiring my attention to such an extent that I could not, if elected, give to the office the time and thought necessary for the proper fulfilment of its various duties and responsibilities.

Thanking the Grand Lodge for favors shown me in the past, and wishing it prosperity in the future, I am

Fraternally in F. C. and B.
ALBERT T. COTTON,
G. V. C.

Rufus B. Foss, M. D., of Harmony Lodge, No. 11, of Farmington, was elected as Grand Chancellor, and Franklin W. McKinley, of Granite Lodge, No. 3, of Manchester, as Grand Vice-Chancellor.

On motion of Past Chancellor Smith, Past Chancellor Varney was instructed to cast the vote of the Lodge for Wm. A. Frye as Grand Prelate.

Past Chancellor Doe, of No. 7, moved that Past Chancellor Saul cast the vote of the Lodge for Lorenzo K. Peacock for Grand Master of Exchequer.

It was voted, on motion of Past Chancellor Saul, that Past Grand Chancellor Rollins be instructed to cast the vote of the Lodge for Frank J. Pillsbury as Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

John N. Haines, of Prospect Lodge, No. 13, of Great Falls, was elected Grand Master-at-Arms.

Edwin G. Wilson, M. D., of Mt. Belknap Lodge, No. 20, of Laconia, and Fred G. Evans, of Oriental Lodge, No. 12, of Suncook, were severally elected to serve as Grand Inner and Grand Outer Guards for the year.

The officers elect were duly installed by the Supreme Chancellor assisted by Past Supreme Representative Libbey as Grand Prelate, and Past Supreme Representative J. F. Seavey as Grand Master-at-Arms.

The following amendment offered by Past Grand Chancellor Rollins was lost:

Resolved, That the Constitution for the Grand Lodge be so amended as to read "Third Thursday in February" instead of "First Thursday."

Past Grand Chancellor Rollins introduced the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be returned to Past Grand Chancellor Chas. M. Lang for obtaining a reduction in the fare on the Concord and Nashua & Rochester R. R., to and from this meeting.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be returned to Prospect Lodge, No. 13, for the use of their Lodge room and for courtesies extended to this Grand Body during its session.

The Grand Chancellor then announced the following District Deputy Grand Chancellors, and also members of the several committees:

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

Pioneer, No. 1, Newmarket, GILMAN DOEG.

Swamscott, No. 2, Exeter, HENRY G. SULIVAN.

Granite and Merrimack, Nos. 3 and 4, Manchester, JOHN P. YOUNG.

Nashua, No. 5, Nashua, LEWIS L. C. BURKE.

Olive Branch, No. 6, Dover, ORRIS W. FARRAR.

Rising Sun, No. 7, Rochester, CHARLES E. HARRIMAN.

Concord, No. 8, Concord, FRANK G. EDGERLY.

Damon, No. 9, Portsmouth, WILLIAM H. HADDOCK.

Pawtuckaway, No. 10, Epping, FRANK E. BEAN.

Harmony, No. 11, Farmington, CHARLES G. HAM.

Oriental, No. 12, Suncook, WILLIAM R. BLAKELY.
Prospect, No. 13, Great Falls, CALVIN WHITTEN.
Myrtle, No. 14, Fisherville, CHARLES N. ROBERTSON.
Hillsborough, No. 17, Hillsborough Bridge, IRA W. JACKMAN.
Morning Star, No. 18, Milton Mills, AMOS W. LOW.
Mt. Belknap, No. 20, Laconia, JOHN A. SEMPLE.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Laws and Supervision.

FRANK E. ROLLINS, of No. 2.
ALBERT F. SEAVEY, of No. 6.
GEO. F. SHEDD, of No. 5.

On Appeals and Grievances.

J. FRANK SEAVEY, of No. 6.
GEO. W. TILTON; of No. 10.
CLARENCE L. CHAPMAN, of No. 13.

On Printing.

CURTIS WHITE, of No. 8.
ALBERT T. COTTON, of No. 7.
ROBERT A. SEAVER, of No. 4.

On Finance.

EUGENE P. NUTE, of No. 11.
HENRY PEYSER, of No. 9.
JOHN P. YOUNG, of No. 3.

On Credentials and Returns.

GEORGE P. APPLETON, of No. 12.
CHARLES M. LANG, of No. 8.
D. WARREN FOX, of No. 14.

On Foreign Correspondence.

FRANK J. PILLSBURY, of No. 8.
FRED NEWMAN, of No. 17.
ASA A. FOX, of No. 18.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in due form, to meet with Oriental Lodge, No. 12, at Suncook, on the first Thursday of February, 1881, unless sooner called together in special session.

A true record, attest:

FRANK J. PILLSBURY,

G. K. of R. and S.

Roster of Lodges.				Statement of Membership.								Rank of Members.					Statement of General Funds.									
																		Receipts.				Expenditures.				
Number.	Name.	Location.	Night of Meeting.	No. of Members Jan. 1, 1879.	Initiated during the term.	Admitted by card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn by card.	Suspended.	Deceased.	Total Membership Jan. 1, 1880.	Past Grand Chancellors.	Past Chancellors.	Knights.	Esquires.	Pages.	Balance on hand at close of previous meeting.	From Rank and Membership.	Dues.	All other sources.	Total Receipts.	Relief of all kinds.	Grand Lodge Tax.	Current expenses.	Total.	Balance on hand at close of the year.
1	Pioneer	Newmarket	Thurs.	38	2	–	–	–	2	–	38	–	17	20		1	$93.60	$30.00	$109.25		$232.85	$11.00	$18.25	$109.30	$138.55	$94.30
2	Swamscott	Exeter	Mon.	47	–	1	1	–	3	2	45	1	15	29			20.84	5.00	250.75	$93.29	369.88	50.00	22.25	244.60	316.85	53.03
3	Granite	Manchester	Mon.	120	5	1	1	–	9	–	118	2	20	92	3	1	128.98	100.00	436.00	76.28	741.26	105.00	57.75	382.80	545.55	195.71
4	Merrimack	Manchester	Fri.	92	8	–	7	1	10	1	95	2	16	77			104.09	163.00	370.00	52.41	689.50	235.00	47.00	249.93	531.93	157.57
5	Nashua	Nashua	Wed.	70	9	1	–	–	11	–	69	1	16	46	3	3	233.78	120.00	181.00		534.78	60.00	31.75	275.57	367.32	167.46
6	Olive Branch	Dover	Wed.	130	9	–	2	2	1	–	138	2	24	109	2	1	1762.08	195.00	514.50	249.19	2720.77	110.00	67.50	512.98	690.48	2030.29
7	Rising Sun	Rochester	Thurs.	115	11	2	3	–	3	1	127	–	17	108	1	1	636.40	185.00	280.00	382.07	1483.47	285.12	60.75	907.35	1253.22	230.25
8	Concord	Concord	Wed.	96	6	–	2	–	–	1	103	3	20	70	6	4	505.67	150.00	417.30	229.00	1301.97	228.00	46.25	527.34	801.59	500.38
9	Damon	Portsmouth	Tues.	124	4	–	1	–	–	2	126	3	15	107		2	1147.57	70.00	380.00	448.95	2046.52	300.80	62.50	541.68	904.98	1141.54
10	Pawtuckaway	Epping	Tues.	29	–	–	–	–	6	–	23	1	8	14			129.62		48.00	16.00	193.62	12.00	13.00	76.48	101.48	92.14
11	Harmony	Farmington	Tues.	119	22	–	1	1	10	–	131	–	13	104	3	11	640.15	275.00	283.80	158.53	1357.48	157.00	57.00	218.18	432.18	925.30
12	Oriental	Suncook	Wed.	51	2	–	1	–	–	–	54	–	18	34	2		392.58	60.00	123.50		576.08		25.75	189.85	215.60	360.48
13	*Prospect	Somersworth	Wed.	88	9	2	–	7	1	2	89	–	15	69	2	3	416.46	186.00	402.85	117.02	1122.33	205.90	43.00	444.14	693.04	429.29
14	Myrtle	Fisherville	Mon.	23	–	–	1	–	2	–	22	–	11	10			21.14		109.50	35.00	165.64		11.00	81.95	92.95	72.69
17	†Hillsborough	Hillsborough	Mon.	35	9	–	–	–	2	–	42	–	9	32		1	123.27	45.00	172.00	128.68	468.95	14.00	20.75	194.15	228.90	240.05
18	‡Morning Star	Milton	Fri.	39	8	–	–	1	4	–	42	–	5	34		3	16.08	112.00	97.50	4.00	229.58	24.00	19.25	153.53	196.78	32.80
20	Mt. Belknap	Laconia	Mon.	32	16	–	–	–	1	–	48	–	5	42		1	55.25	241.00	118.88		415.13	23.00	24.00	95.81	142.81	272.32
				1248	120	7	20	12	65	9	1310	15	244	997	22	32	$5427.56	$1937.00	$4294.83	$1990.42	$14,649.81	$1820.82	$627.75	$5205.64	$7654.21	$6995.60

* P. O. address, Great Falls, N. H. † P. O. address, Hillsborough Bridge, N. H. ‡ P. O. address, Milton Mills, N. H.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

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OF

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OF

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THE GRAND LODGE was called to order by the Grand Chancellor, and after the usual examination by the Grand Master-at-Arms, and a solemn invocation by the Grand Prelate, was declared to be duly opened and ready for business.

All of the Grand Lodge officers were in their stations with a good number of Past Chancellors in attendance.

The vacances in the various committees were filled by the Grand Chancellor, as follows:

On Laws and Supervision—J. Frank Seavey, in place of Albert F. Seavey; S. S. Davis, in place of George F. Shedd.

On Appeals and Grievanees—Charles E. Page, in place of George W. Tilton.

On Finance—Alonzo T. Pinkham, in place of Eugene P. Nute; Edward D. Coffin, in place of Henry Peyser.

On Credentials and Returns—Danie E. Howard, in place of D. Warren Fox.

On Printing—William E. Moore, in place of Albert T. Cotton.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns made a report, as follows:

SUNCOOK, N. H., Feb. 3, 1881.

To the Officers and Past Chancellors of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

Your Committee on Credentials, having made careful examination, find the certificates of the following Past Chancellors correct, and recommend their acceptance by the Grand Lodge:

Pioneer Lodge, No. 1—Freeman H. Tuttle, Nathan H. Leavitt.
Swamscott Lodge, No. 2—None.
Granite Lodge, No. 3—Robert S. Corey, William E. Greeley.
Nashua Lodge, No. 5—Chester E. Barnhart, George E. Heath.
Olive Branch Lodge, No. 6—Edward L. Currier, Oliver P. Ricker.
Concord Lodge, No. 8—John F. Scott, George P. Haines, Frank Moody, John C. Farrand.
Damon Lodge, No. 9—Herman Mansen, Andrew P. Wendell.
Pawtuckaway Lodge, No. 10—None.
Harmony Lodge, No. 11—Levi H. Gilson, Laban G. Welch.
Oriental Lodge, No. 12—Fred. G. Pratt, George W. Durgin.
Prospect Lodge, No. 13—Moses B. Knight, Austin N. Pettingell.
Hillsborough Lodge, No. 17—Orris D. Thompson, S. Scott Miller.
Morning Star Lodge, No. 18—L. B. Roberts, Charles T. Haines.
Mt. Belknap Lodge, No. 20—Curtis H. Watson, Frank W. Truland.
St. Andrews Lodge, No. 21—Frank H. Daniell, Robert Young.

We find credentials from Merrimack Lodge, No. 4, to John T. Ramsay and George R. Simmons, and from Rising Sun Lodge, No. 7, to Eben S. Moore and Henry H. Cox, which are incomplete.

We find that these Brothers were elected by their Lodges, as Past Chancellors, by reason of vacancies hav-

ing been made by the re-election of Chancellor Commanders. We recommend that these credentials be approved and that these Brothers be admitted.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. M. LANG,
GEO. P. APPLETON,
D. E. HOWARD,
Committee.

On motion of Past Supreme Chancellor Davis:

Voted, To accept and adopt the report of the committee and that the new members in waiting be admitted.

No return having been received from Swamscott Lodge No. 2, Past Supreme Representative Rollins made some remarks in regard to the new Past Chancellors from that Lodge, but it was voted to lay the subject on the table until after the Grand Lodge rank had been conferred.

The Grand Master-at-Arms then introduced the following Past Chancellors, who took the Grand Lodge obligation and were duly instructed in the work of the rank:

Pioneer No. 1 — Nathan H. Leavitt.
Granite No. 3 — Robert S. Corey, William E. Greeley.
Merrimack No. 4 — John T. Ramsay, George R. Simmons.
Nashua No. 5 — Chester E. Barnhart, George E. Heath.
Rising Sun No. 7 — Eben S. Moore.
Concord No. 8 — John F. Scott, George P. Haines, Frank Moody, John C. Farrand.
Oriental No. 12 — Fred. G. Pratt, George W. Durgin, Jacob Noyes, A. N. Osgood, H. M. Hadley.
Hillsborough No. 17 — Humphrey Jackman.
Mt. Belknap No. 20 — Curtis H. Watson.
St. Andrews No. 21 — Frank H. Daniell, Robert Young.

Voted, That when this Grand Lodge take a recess it be until two o'clock P. M.

NOTE.— Past Chancellors Noyes, Osgood, and Hadley, of No. 12 and Jackman, of No. 17, were elected at a previous session.

The Grand Chancellor then read his annual report, as follows:

GRAND CHANCELLOR'S REPORT.

SUNCOOK, February 3, 1881.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XVII.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

BRETHREN: Again we are here assembled in our yearly convention, to renew our vows of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence, to deliberate upon the duties, the trials and the successes of the past, and to unite our labor and counsel for the further advancement, and the future prosperity, of the principles of our "Knightly Order."

In assuming the exalted position of Grand Chancellor, it was with the knowledge that the duties were both arduous and full of responsibility. I have endeavored to perform them, so far as I have been able, with justice and impartiality, and trust that an examination of my official acts will meet with your approval.

In conformity with the law and general usage of this grand body, I herewith submit my official report, for the year ending February 3, 1881, and in so doing it affords me the greatest pleasure to be able to announce to you that the condition of the Order in the State, concerning which it is my duty to report, has been prosperous during the past year, and looks promising for the future.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

Immediately after the close of the last convention of this Grand Lodge, I forwarded commissions to the following District Deputies:

No. 1 — Gilman Doeg, Newmarket.
No. 2 — Henry G. Sulivan, Exeter.
Nos. 3 & 4 — J. P. Young, Manchester.
No. 5 — Lewis L. C. Burke, Nashua.
No. 6 — Orris W. Farrar, Dover.
No. 7 — C. E. Harriman, Rochester.
No. 8 — Frank G. Edgerly, Concord.
No. 9 — W. H. Haddock, Portsmouth.
No. 10 — Frank E. Bean, Epping.
No. 11 — Chas. G. Ham, Farmington.
No. 12 — Wm. R. Blakeley, Suncook.
No. 13 — Calvin Whitten, Great Falls.
No. 14 — C. G. Robertson, Fisherville.
No. 17 — I. W. Jackman, Hillsborough Bridge.
No. 18 — A. W. Low, Milton Mills.
No. 20 — John N. Semple, Laconia.

Last March I received from Calvin Whitten his resignation as District Deputy, which I accepted, and appointed in his place Clarence L. Chapman, of Prospect Lodge, No. 13.

On the 25th of the same month, Lewis L. C. Burke resigned his commission — for reasons best known to himself, as he stated, — which I accepted, and appointed in his place George F. Shedd, of Nashua Lodge, No. 5.

DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLOR.

I appointed, December 7th, 1880, Brother Franklin W. McKinley, as Deputy Grand Chancellor for the State of New Hampshire, to act for the Grand Chancellor, and by his direction, for the ensuing term, and gave him directions to visit Hillsborough, Myrtle, Oriental, and Swamscott Lodges, and report their condition to me previous to this Grand Lodge meeting.

The following is a copy of the Commission issued to Franklin W. McKinley:

GRAND LODGE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,
KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

To Franklin W. McKinley:

KNOW YE, That reposing special trust and confidence in your knowledge and discretion, I do, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, hereby appoint and commission you, the said Franklin W. McKinley, Deputy Grand Chancellor for the State of New Hampshire, to act for the Grand Chancellor, and by his direction, for the ensuing term.

In testimony whereof, We have hereunto set our hands and the seal of the Grand Lodge, this 7th day of January, A. D. 1881.

R. B. FOSS, *Grand Chancellor.*

By the Grand Chancellor:

FRANK J. PILLSBURY,
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

[L. S.]

SPECIAL DEPUTY.

January 13th, 1881, I appointed Cyrus Freeman, as a Special District Deputy, for the purpose of installing the officers of Prospect Lodge, No. 13, for the present term, as District Deputy Grand Chancellor Chapman is one of the officers elect. This duty was complied with, and Bro. Freeman very promptly, and in a business manner, forwarded me his official report.

The following instructions were given to all District Deputies last December:

FARMINGTON, December 23, 1880.

To District Deputy Grand Chancellors:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Enclosed you will find the S. A. P. W. for the term commencing January 1st, 1881. You will please promulgate the same in your jurisdiction, in accordance with the laws of the Order, exercising due caution in transmitting it, so that it may not be unlawfully obtained by any one not duly qualified to receive it.

You will please report to me at once the condition of your Lodge, stating such particulars as may be of interest in making my yearly report.

Fraternally,

[L S.] R. B. FOSS, *Grand Chancellor.*

I will here state that only seven out of the whole number complied with my request and forwarded their reports, which are given elsewhere. For this act of courtesy I exclaim, as of old, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!" Concerning the remaining ten I have no comments to make; but I would respectfully recommend to my successor to appoint to this office men who are well-versed in Pythian law, and who are willing to work for the prosperity of the Order; and that he send with his commission such requirements as he shall expect of his Deputies during their term of office. This will prove no doubt more agreeable to both parties, and will give a better idea to the Grand Chancellor of the working of the Order than can be obtained otherwise. The decisions made by the Deputies should be forwarded to the Grand Chancellor, together with their official acts, before the close of the term.

VERMONT.

You will recollect that one year ago the Grand Chancellor experienced much trouble, and finally did not succeed in establishing any communication between this Grand Jurisdiction and the Lodges in the State of Vermont, and that it was thought advisable to visit one or all of them, to ascertain their condition, and if possible to instill new life into the members of the Order there.

Accordingly I invited Past Supreme Chancellor Davis, who willingly accompanied me to Rutland, last August, for the purpose above named.

We found that Rutland Lodge, No. 1, had not held a stated meeting for the last two years, although they paid rent on their hall one year after ceasing to meet. They have all their paraphernalia stored away, and have never

been called upon to surrender either that or their charter. We attribute a part of this neglect to the sickness of the District Deputy Supreme Chancellor, who, as we learned, has not been able to attend to business for the last two years. There are three other Lodges in the State, which are similarly situated, and as their supplies came directly from the Supreme Lodge, and were under its control, I did not think it advisable to put this Grand Lodge to any further expense, but will leave the matter with you, that you make take such action as you deem expedient.

After spending the most part of three days, and talking to all the members of Rutland Lodge that we could possibly find, we returned with no very flattering forebodings as to the future, although there was a petition drawn for a Dispensation under the control of this grand body, while we were there, and a promise given us that an effort would be made to recuscitate the defunct Lodge. Feeling that unless we could make a starting point in this town our efforts would be unavailing—as this was formerly the "banner Lodge" of the State—we returned.

Four weeks after my arrival home, I received the following letter from one of the members who appeared to take the most favorable view of the matter at the time we were there, and was desirous to reorganize in order to get the benefit of the Endowment Rank—and, by the way, this was the first time they had ever heard of the existence of this Rank of the Knights of Pythias. The letter is in substance as follows:

RUTLAND, VT., August 25th, 1881.

R. B. Foss, M. D.

DEAR SIR AND BRO: Mr. Wardwell has obtained ten names for the petition for reorganizing the Knights of Pythias here, but they are given so reluctantly that he joins with me in saying that we do not deem the interest sufficient to warrant the forwarding of the same to you. These names have

been given because he asked for them, but not with any intention of giving the Order that attention which is so necessary to start it successfully. If there were two or three, even, that felt willing to take the lead, I presume within a reasonable time the Lodge might be self-sustaining; but many are, like myself, unwilling to pledge themselves to do that which must be done by some one, that is to take the care and direction. These are the views I gave you and Bro. Davis when here.

Those you met here were generally inclined to reorganize, but none are willing to take the command. I have given some attention to the benefits from the Endowment Rank, and would be glad to have the opportunity to obtain them, but fear it will at present be out of the question. Permit me to express my personal appreciation of the intent shown by Brother Davis and yourself.

I remain, yours truly,
C. CLARK.

The above letter I forwarded to Bro. Davis, and he informed me that he had written to the parties there, but they had not taken the trouble to answer his letters; so we concluded to let the matter rest until the assembling of this grand body, at which time such action might be taken as is deemed advisable.

There are four sets of paraphernalia in different towns in the State, which I did not feel bound to collect and charge the expense of the same to this Grand Lodge, when it is a bill that should be paid by the Supreme Lodge, in my judgment, and yet they should be collected and made secure. It is hoped this grand body will so instruct my successor that he may have no more trouble in the future in this matter, which was thrust on our hands, as a matter of convenience, by the Supreme Lodge.

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

August 12th, 1880, I received a letter, dated at Raymond, N. H., in substance as follows:

To R. B. Foss, Grand Chancellor of New Hampshire:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: On account of business, I find it will be impracticable for me to represent the Grand Jurisdiction of New Hampshire

at the coming session of the Supreme Lodge, August 24,—much to my regret. I would therefore suggest (if you are not already committed) that you appoint Bro. William E. Moore, of Granite Lodge, No. 3, in my place, and advise me in regard to your action at your earliest convenience.

Very truly and fraternally yours,

ALBERT STORY,

Supreme Representative.

Upon the receipt of the above, I immediately notified Bro. Story of the acceptance of his resignation, and forwarded to Bro. William E. Moore the following credentials, in the absence of any printed formula:

OFFICE OF THE GRAND CHANCELLOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,
FARMINGTON, August 16th, 1880, P. P. XVII.

To the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the World:

WHEREAS, There is a vacancy in the office of Supreme Representative of New Hampshire, caused by the Resignation of Bro. Albert Story, S. R., I do hereby appoint William E. Moore, P. G. C. of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, as Supreme Representative, and recommend that he be admitted and obligated as such.

RUFUS B. FOSS,

[L. S.] *Grand Chancellor.*

DEFUNCT LODGES.

I have had correspondence with several members of the Lodge at East Northwood, in relation to reviving the old or instituting a new Lodge in that place, as some have desired to do; but, not finding sufficient encouragement, I decided to let the matter rest for the time—a subject which was eventually settled on receiving the following letter:

EAST NORTHWOOD, June 24th, 1880.

R. B. Foss, Grand Chancellor, Knights of Pythias:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of the 23d inst. was duly received, and in reply would say that it would be of no use to start a new Lodge, or reinstate the old one. Most of the members of the old Lodge took no interest

in it, and would not in a new one. As far as I am concerned, I belong to "Rising Sun Lodge," and it is a live one. I had rather remain there. I worked hard to keep the other Lodge alive, but could not do it.

Yours fraternally,

C. A. BRICKETT.

Sometime during the last of June, I received a letter from our Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, stating in substance that Myrtle Lodge, No. 14, was in a bad condition, and, fearing the charter might be surrendered, he suggested that something should be done, if possible, to prevent it. I immediately directed Bro. Pillsbury to take with him Past Grand Chancellor Lang, and visit Fisherville, and look the case up thoroughly, and to endeavor to revive an interest in the Order if possible, and report the result to me.

He did so, and wrote to me that they "talked with the Brothers, who promised to keep up the organization, but they did not feel much courage about the Lodge." Dec. 23d, 1880, I received a letter from D. Warren Fox, K. of R. and S., stating he presumed I might be surprised at the news his letter contained, but to those who had the burden to bear it was not a surprise. "Myrtle Lodge, No. 14, K. of P., is a thing of the past. The brothers here have taken out Withdrawal Cards until there are only six of us left, and we would like to have you come and get the paraphernalia."

After consulting with the officers of this Grand Lodge, I deemed it advisable to take the property, which was done by Brother Frank J. Pillsbury, through my order, a report of which he will undoubtedly give you.

Afterwards the members who were in good standing were given Withdrawal Cards and the money turned over to the Grand Lodge.

NEW LODGES.

It affords me pleasure to report a new Lodge at Franklin Falls, St. Andrews, No. 21, which I instituted January 10th, 1881, assisted by Past Grand Chancellor William E. Moore, Grand Vice Chancellor Franklin W. McKinley, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Frank J. Pillsbury, Grand Master of Exchequer, Lorenzo K. Peacock, and the Grand Outer Guard, Fred. G. Evans, together with delegations from Fisherville, Concord, Suncook, Manchester and Laconia, over fifty in all. A grand, good, chivalric and knightly time was had. The three ranks of the Order were conferred upon fifteen persons. This Lodge is constituted of good material and enters upon its career with a bright future.

Great credit is due Bro. Frank J. Pillsbury for the efficient service which he has rendered me in establishing this Lodge.

Bro. Robert Young was made a Past Chancellor, and Bro. Frank H. Daniell was appointed as District Deputy Grand Chancellor.

DECISIONS.

Question. Can a sick Brother, who has been wholly unable to follow his usual occupation for the space of one year, or been otherwise disabled, legally collect a benefit for more than twenty-five consecutive weeks in any one year?

Answer. Yes. The Supreme Lodge requires all Subordinate Lodges to pay benefits of at least one dollar per week, during any one sickness, be it one month or one year.

Question. When the Relief Committee recommends the payment of a certain sum, on which there is a question raised, is their recommendation subject to action or

vote of the Lodge, or can the money be drawn on the approval of the Relief Committee alone?

Answer. A vote should be taken, after the recommendation of the Relief Committee, and a record made of the same, in all cases.

Question. Should we pay a per capita tax on such members as are six months and over in arrears?

Answer. Yes. Lodges must pay the per capita tax on all members not suspended.

Question. Would members, standing six months and more in arrears, and otherwise qualified, in case of death prior to payment, if their heirs or assigns would be entitled to receive the Endowment?

Answer. No!

Question. In whose possession does the list of members six months in arrears remain?

Answer. The Master of Finance should notify the Chancellor Commander of all members six months in arrears, so that no one would receive the S. A. P. W. who was not entitled to it.

Question. Is the Chancellor Commander or Keeper of Records and Seal obliged to read these names in open Lodge, when so demanded by any member?

Answer. Yes. It would be right and proper to do so, as there should be no secrecy among Brothers in regard to matters pertaining to the good and welfare of their own Lodge.

Question. Should a ballot be taken on each Rank, and is it required?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Can charges be preferred and a Brother put on trial before he is made a Knight or has taken that rank?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Is the chairman of the Relief Committee responsible for the neglect of each member of his committee from day to day, in failing to visit sick brothers, or are the members of the committee supposed to be present at the regular Lodge meetings, and thus keep informed with reference to their duties during the coming week?

Answer. The chairman of the Relief Committee should give each member of the committee a written notice of the day of the week that he is to attend to the sick, and then notify, or see that they are notified, of the sickness of a brother.

Question. Can a brother of a Lodge, who is less than one year in arrears for dues, pay his dues and become a member in good standing without a vote of the Lodge?

Answer. Yes.

Question. Can a Lodge exclude thirteen weeks' sick benefits, after a brother has paid his dues?

Answer. Yes—as a penalty for the brother being suspended. (See By-Laws, Art. 8, Sec. 1, of your Lodge.)

Question. Is a brother suspended from the Lodge until he has been so declared by the Chancellor Commander?

Answer. No.

DEATHS.

The summons of death is again heard among us, and three more worthy members of this grand body have been called upon to assemble at the "Castle Hall" above. It becomes my sad duty to bring to your notice the death of Past Chancellor A. W. Smith, of Concord Lodge No. 8, Past Grand Master-at-Arms William Kennedy, of Damon Lodge No. 9, and of Past Chancellor James Carlisle, of Swamscott Lodge No. 2. I would recommend that you

refer this matter to a committee, and that suitable resolutions be adopted.

Since coming to this hall, our hearts have again been made sad by hearing of the death of one more worthy Brother, Past Chancellor George F. Crosby, of Merrimack Lodge No. 4, of Manchester. At the time of his death he was serving as Keeper of Records and Seal, an office which he had filled for some time to the satisfaction of his brother Knights.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORTS.

In making out this report, I have not called your attention to the Lodges, separately, but will give the reports of the different District Deputies who have reported, as I have received them :

NEWMARKET, Dec. 28, 1880, P. P. XVII.

To R. B. Foss, Grand Chancellor:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: The following is my report, as District Deputy Grand Chancellor, for Pioneer Lodge No. 1, for the present term. We are in a prosperous condition at present. We numbered, at the close of the term ending June 30, 1880, forty-eight good paying members. Suspended, two; reinstated, one. Funds on hand and invested, $295.40. For the present term, ending Dec. 31st, 1880, we have done but very little work, making one Page only. We have had no sickness during the whole year, in fact, the year has been a very successful one.

The Lodge is in better standing at present than at any time since we were instituted. I have no doubt we shall add some to our membership during the term. Perfect harmony prevails and we are prospering well.

Yours, in F. C. and B.,
GILMAN DOEG,
D. D. G. C.

MANCHESTER, January 5, 1881.

R. B. Foss, Grand Chancellor:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of the 23d came to hand, and I will take this opportunity to reply. The Lodges here in Manchester, viz: Granite No. 3 and Merrimack No. 4, are in a flourishing and prosperous condi tion; not as many suspensions from non-payment of dues during the past

year as formerly, and what work they have done has more than kept thei membership full. The Lodges are harmonious in the promotion of the interests of the Order and for the upbuilding of the great and glorious principles upon which our beloved Order is constructed.

A greater degree of interest is taken by the members of the Order just now than for some time before. Quite a number of members have ordered new uniforms with the "Regulation Helmet," and members who had uniforms with the cap, have ordered the helmet.

Granite Lodge No. 3 has lost but one member by death during the past year; Merrimack Lodge two members. Only one of these three belonged to the Endowment Rank.

The Lodges have leased a new hall, in Smith's Opera House Building, and it will be ready for dedication about April 1st. It will be a fine hall, centrally located, and fitted up with the latest modern improvements.

I installed the officers of Granite Lodge No. 3, January 3d, and shall install those of Merrimack No. 4, January 6th. Both Lodges have elected officers that are true and faithful Knights, and men who are known for their business qualifications in the every-day walks of life. My report is very short, and hoping you will excuse its brevity and all mistakes,

I remain yours, in F. C. and B.,
JOHN P. YOUNG,
D. D. G. C.

MANCHESTER, January 13, 1881.

To R. B. Foss, Grand Chancellor:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Since writing you last I have installed the officers of Merrimack Lodge No. 4, and, by their report for the term ending Dec. 31st, 1880, their membership has decreased since June 30, 1880, to the amount of seventeen members, which conflicts with my report to you. Otherwise I have no corrections to make in my previous report.

Yours fraternally,
JOHN P. YOUNG,
D. D. G. C.

CONCORD, January 3d, 1881.

To R. B. Foss, Grand Chancellor:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Your esteemed favor of the 23d ult. came duly to hand. Your inquiry as to the condition of Concord Lodge No. 8 can be answered in few words. We are working harmoniously, and during the past year have made a commendable gain, both in membership and funds.

Fraternally yours,
FRANK G. EDGERLY,
D. D. G. C.

PORTSMOUTH, January 15th, 1881.

To R. B. Foss, Grand Chancellor:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: The following is my report, as District Deputy Grand Chancellor, for Damon Lodge No. 9, for the present term. I installed the officers of this Lodge on the evening of the 4th. They are good men and have the welfare of the Order at heart. We have made four Knights during the last term, and we hope to make the coming year one of success for Damon Lodge.

Yours, in F. C. and B.,
W. H. HADDOCK,
D. D. G. C.

SUNCOOK, January 10th, 1881.

R. B. Foss, Grand Chancellor:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I installed the officers in July and January. We have a very good attendance at our meetings, and a good attendance of Past Chancellors. We are working very harmoniously, and a good degree of interest is taken by the brothers. Although we have done but little work the past year, we still hold our own, with a gain of two Knights and one Esquire. We stand as well, financially, as any Lodge in the State. On the whole, No. 12 is in a flourishing condition.

Fraternally yours,
WM. R. BLAKELEY,
D. D. G. C.

GREAT FALLS, Jan. 20th, 1881, P. P. XVII.

R. B. Foss, Grand Chancellor:

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to inform you that I have attended to the duty of installing the officers of Prospect Lodge No. 13, in accordance with my commission as Special Deputy for that purpose. I send this day the Semi-Annual Report, and the amount of the per capita tax, to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. I presume Bro. Chapman, District Deputy Grand Chancellor, will forward you an official report of the condition of the Lodge.

Fraternally yours.
CYRUS FREEMAN.

HILLSBOROUGH BRIDGE, January 3d, 1881.

To R. B. Foss, Grand Chancellor:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I installed the officers of Hillsborough Lodge No. 17, this evening, with quite a good number of members present. This Lodge is in a flourishing condition. We are out of debt, and have

about $250.00 in the Treasury. We have bought and paid for a nice organ the past year, which adds much to our meetings. We have made three Knights, one Esquire and one Page, the past year, with more to come soon.

Yours, in F. C. and B.,

I. W. JACKMAN,

D. D. G. C.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, you will observe I have attempted to make only a general report of the working of the Order throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, rather than to make any special mention of the different Lodges, as has usually been done. For an accurate report of the vital statistics together with full statements of receipts and disbursements, as well as the condition of the finances of both Grand and Subordinate Lodges, you are referred to the reports of the proper officers of this grand body.

I hereby desire to express my appreciation of the courtesy and kindness extended to me by the grand officers, and by the officers and members of Subordinate Lodges with whom I have had official intercourse. Our relations have been, without exception, of the most agreeable character, and will always be remembered with profound pleasure. Thanking you for the honor conferred by placing me in the highest position of trust and authority in this grand body, and hoping that my official acts will meet with your approval, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

R. B. FOSS,

Grand Chancellor.

On motion it was voted to accept the report and refer the same to the Committee on Laws and Supervision.

The Grand Lodge then took a recess till two o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

On assembling in the afternoon, the Grand Master-at-Arms made the necessary examination, and the Grand Chancellor declared the Grand Lodge ready for business.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal then presented his annual report, as follows:

REPORT OF G. K. OF R. AND S.

SUNCOOK, FEB. 3d, 1881.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

In presenting this, my second annual report, I shall content myself with giving such information as shall give the condition of our Order, and show what has been done in this office during the past year.

[No returns were received from Swamscott No. 2 or Pawtuckaway No. 10, for the term ending Dec. 31, 1880.]

Our statistics are as follows:

Whole number of Lodges, January 1, 1880,		17
Whole number of Lodges, January 1, 1881,		16
A loss of one Lodge.		
Whole number of members, January 1, 1880,		1324
To which add:		
Initiated during the year,	75	
Reinstated,	13	
Admitted by card,	5	93
Total,		1417

From the last foregoing total deduct:		
Suspended,	81	
Deceased,	12	
Withdrawn by Card,	8	101
Total membership January 1, 1881,		1316
Decrease during the year,		8

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Total receipts of Subordinate Lodges,	$6423 06
Decrease during the year,	1729 19
Total expenditures,	6728 53
Decrease during the year,	714 18
Total amount paid for relief,	2190 53
Increase over last year,	377 53
Total amount on hand and invested, January 1, 1881,	6965 35
Increase during the year,	577 38

It will be seen that we have a slight loss in membership, which is occasioned by the large number that some of the Lodges have been obliged to suspend for non-payment of dues, seventeen being suspended from one Lodge during one term.

We have also lost one Lodge, Myrtle No. 14, of Fisherville. Much as we regret to lose a Lodge, it is doubtless the best that could have been done under the circumstances. The brothers there have made a noble fight for a number of years, and felt that it was best for them to surrender their charter, while they could do so in an honorable manner. They ceased to hold meetings, not having enough for conducting business, in December, and on the 17th of January last I received from them their charter, books and paraphernalia, and they are now in my possession. The brothers there took Withdrawal Cards, and some who resided in other jurisdictions have joined the Lodges near their residence, while ten have become members of Concord Lodge No. 8, so that they still maintain their connection with the Order.

While we have to report this loss, we are glad to state that a new Lodge has been added to our number.

As you have learned by the able report of the Grand Chancellor, on the 10th of January, most of the Grand Lodge officers, and a goodly number of Knights, visited the flourishing town of Franklin and instituted a Lodge, which bids fair to become one of the brightest ornaments in our Pythian Brotherhood.

The names on the charter are those of men of influence and character, and who will do all in their power to make St. Andrews Lodge No. 21 the peer of any in the State.

They have purchased the jewels and books necessary for the proper performance of their duties, and one set of paraphernalia belonging to the Grand Lodge was lent them, for a reasonable time, with the privilege of buying the same should they so desire.

By adding the number of Knights initiated, proved and charged at that time, we should be able to report a net gain of eight.

The amount of funds on hand and invested shows a substantial gain, while the large amount expended for relief shows that we remember our obligation to relieve the distressed.

As required by the constitution, I submit the following report of the financial transactions of my office for the past year :

RECEIPTS.

From per capita tax,	488 05
" Grand Master of Exchequer,	236 20
" Supplies,	76 65
" Shields and Cards,	32 30
" Charter and dispensation,	21 00
Total,	$854 20

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for Printing, including $70.70 paid for Journal of Proceedings,	100 70
Paid for Supreme Representative tax,	100 00
" Supplies,	72 76
" Postage, money order and express,	25 91
" Shields and Withdrawal Cards,	10 00
" Office expenses, including traveling, ($4.75)	9 65
Paid to Grand Master of Exchequer,	535 18
Total,	$854 20

SUPREME LODGE JOURNALS.

In accordance with the vote of this grand body, at its last session, I have procured the journals of the Supreme Lodge, and learn that many of the Subordinate Lodges have also provided themselves with them.

PRINTING.

It has been my aim to keep the expenses of this office as low as possible, and it will be seen that the amount expended for this purpose, aside from the Proceedings, has been small.

The office is well supplied with blanks of all kinds, unless it should be deemed best to adopt a new and improved blank for semi-annual returns, which would seem to be a wise move, but I leave it for this body to do as in its judgment shall seem best.

CIRCULARS.

Six circulars have been issued during the year from this office: One giving the amendments adopted at the last session; one each to the Keepers of Record and Seal and District Deputy Grand Chancellors, in regard to returns; one in July, promulgating the S. A. P. W.; one to sister jurisdictions, in regard to procuring full sets of journals,

and the one giving notice of this meeting. Copies of these I submit for your consideration.

VISITATION.

By instructions from the Grand Chancellor and Grand Vice Chancellor, I visited Hillsborough Lodge No. 17, on Monday evening, January 24th. The night was one of the coldest of the season, but those of you who are acquainted with the members of that Lodge need not be told that I met with a warm reception.

We may well consider this as one of our best Lodges, composed as it is of men who have striven to uphold our principles, in seasons of depression and discouragement. They have ever been true to the principles of our Order, and they can now rejoice in a faithful and united brotherhood,—debts all paid and money in the exchequer—with a pleasant and convenient Lodge-room, furnished with an elegant organ, and all the paraphernalia necessary to properly confer the different ranks.

They have recently fitted up a neat banquet-hall, and I trust that a brilliant future is before them.

My thanks are hereby extended to the Brothers, for the knightly welcome accorded me.

CONCLUSION.

In concluding my labors for the year, I am very forcibly reminded of a little verse learned years ago,—

> "Labor with what might we may,
> Something still remains undone."

I had hoped to have been able to prepare tables, showing at a glance the work of each Lodge since its organization, and also the work of all the Lodges for each term.

I have only been able to prepare a book for this purpose, as the necessary correspondence and other business

of the office has taken all the time I felt I could devote, in consideration of the salary received.

In this connection I will venture the remark, that in looking at the condition of our Order in this jurisdiction, we might afford to pay our recording officer a sum sufficient to allow him to perform the work of the kind suggested without taking it out of the time which should be given to sleep. Our Grand Keeper of Records and Seal receives the smallest remuneration of any in the country, and it does seem that we are as well able to give him a proper compensation as some of our sister States.

Brothers: My record is before you. I have striven to do the best in my power for the good of our beloved Order,and I close with thanks to the brethren for the many kindnesses received, and with the hope that the coming year may be one of unbounded prosperity to our Order, not only in our own jurisdiction but throughout the nation.

Respectfully submitted,

In F. C. and B.,

FRANK J. PILLSBURY,

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

The above report was accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Grand Master of Exchequer submitted his report, which was also accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF G. M. OF E.

SUNCOOK, February 3, 1881.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XVII.

To the Officers and Past Chancellors of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

The Grand Master of Exchequer would ask leave to present his report for the year ending Feb. 3, 1881:

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 5, 1880, Cash in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer,		$553 28
July 26, 1880, Cash received from Frank J. Pillsbury,	175 00	
Jan. 17, 1881, " " "	200 00	
Feb. 2, 1881, " " "	160 18	535 18
Making a total of,		$1088 46

DISBURSEMENTS.

Feb. 5, 1880, By cash paid, balance of W. E. Moore's bill,	28 50	
Feb. 5, 1880, " expense of Sup. Chancellor,	12 40	
Feb. 11, 1880, " Frank J. Pillsbury,	25 00	
Feb. 16, 1880, " Hillsborough Lodge No. 17,	25 00	
Feb. 18, 1880, " F. J. Pillsbury, Sup. Rep. tax,	100 00	
" " incidental expenses,	50 00	
July 16, 1880, " F. J. Pillsbury, G. Lodge Proc.,	76 20	
Dec. 8, 1880, " F. J. Pillsbury, Sup. Rep. report,	10 00	
Feb. 2, 1881, " Frank J. Pillsbury, salary,	50 00	
Making total amount paid out,	$377 10	377 10
Balance of cash in hands or Grand Master of Exchequer,		711 36
		$1088 46

Respectfully submitted,
In F. C. and B.,
L. K. PEACOCK,
Grand Master of Exchequer.

Bills in favor of Rufus B. Foss, for expenses incurred as Grand Chancellor, and of Franklin W. McKinley, for expenses as Grand Vice Chancellor; and of Rufus B. Foss and S. S. Davis, for expenses incurred in visiting Vermont, were presented; and as each had been approved by the Committee on Finance the same were ordered to be paid.

The following petition was read by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal:

SUNCOOK, N. H., February 3, 1881.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

We would most respectfully represent that John Wilder was a member in good standing of Myrtle Lodge No. 14, and at the time of the surrender of its charter was serving as Chancellor Commander, having been elected in July, 1880, and only wanted two meetings of completing a full term. He still maintains his connection with the Order, and we would most respectfully ask that the Grand Lodge rank be conferred on him, he being, as we believe, justly entitled to receive the same.

(Signed) CHARLES M. LANG, of No. 8,
DANIEL E. HOWARD, of No. 8,
IRA W. JACKMAN, of No. 16,
WILLIAM E. MOORE, of No. 3.

On motion of Past Chancellor Buntin it was voted to grant the request of the petitioners.

The case of the Past Chancellors from Swamscott Lodge was then taken from the table, and after an explanation had been made by Past Grand Chancellor Rollins, it was voted, on motion of Past Chancellor L. L. Aldrich, that they be admitted.

Past Chancellors Frank H. Dame, of Swamscott Lodge No. 2, and Ellery O. Herrin, of Oriental Lodge No. 12, were then introduced by the Grand Master-at-Arms and received the Grand Lodge rank.

Past Grand Chancellor Moore offered a resolution that

the salary of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be fixed at one hundred dollars per annum. Laid upon the table until the Committee on Finance had presented their report.

The following resolution was read, and on motion of Past Grand Chancellor Rollins, voted that it be laid on the table:

Resolved, That the next session of the Grand Lodge be held with Pioneer Lodge No. 1, of Newmarket.

(Signed) WILLIAM A. FRYE,
J. O. DAVIS,
N. H. LEAVITT.

Past Chancellor Appleton extended an invitation to the Grand Lodge, to attend the concert and ball to be given in the evening. Voted to accept the invitation.

Past Chancellor Frank W. Truland, of Mt. Belknap Lodge No. 20, being in waiting, was introduced by the Grand Master-at-Arms and received the Grand Lodge rank.

Voted, To take the resolution in regard to the next session of the grand body from the table.

After some discussion, the resolution was not adopted, and the next session will be held in Manchester.

The Committee on Finance presented their report, as follows, which was accepted and adopted:

SUNCOOK, N. H., February 3, 1881.

To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

Your Committee on Finance would ask leave to submit their report. We have examined the books of the Grand Master of Exchequer and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched for.

We would recommend that so much of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal's report, as relates to a new form for semi-annual returns, be concurred in, and that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be instructed to furnish such blanks for semi-anual returns as in his judgment he may deem best.

We would also recommend that the salary of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be one hundred dollars per annum, in accordance with the resolution offered by Past Grand Chancellor Moore.

We would further recommend that the remainder of the report be referred to the Committee on Laws and Supervision.

Respectfully submitted,
ALONZO T. PINKHAM,
EDWARD D. COFFIN,
JOHN P. YOUNG,
Committee on Finance.

Voted, To take the resolution offered by Past Grand Chancellor Moore from the table, and on motion the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Past Supreme Chancellor Davis, it was voted to repeal and annul the resolution adopted at the session held in 1877, in regard to the time when the election of officers should take place, and that the grand body proceed to the election of officers for the coming year.

The Grand Chancellor appointed, as tellers, Past Chancellors W. Kirk Chadwick, Levi L. Aldrich and George H. Adams.

Franklin W. McKinley, of Granite Lodge No. 3, was elected Grand Chancellor.

George P. Appleton, of Oriental Lodge No. 12, was elected Grand Vice Chancellor.

It was voted that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be instructed to cast the vote of the Lodge for William A. Frye, of Pioneer Lodge No. 1, for Grand Prelate, and Bro. Frye was re-elected.

The Grand Master-at-Arms was instructed to cast the vote of the Grand Lodge for Lorenzo K. Peacock, of Concord Lodge No. 8, for Grand Master of Exchequer, and he performed his duty well and gracefully, and Bro. Peacock was declared re-elected.

Past Grand Chancellor W. E. Moore was instructed to

cast the vote of the Grand Lodge for Frank J. Pillsbury, of Concord Lodge No. 8, for Grand Keeeper of Records and Seal, and that officer was declared re-elected.

Alonzo T. Pinkham, of Olive Branch Lodge No. 6, was elected Grand Master-at-Arms.

Fred. G. Evans, of Oriental Lodge No. 12, was elected Grand Inner Guard.

Stewart I. Brown, of Concord Lodge, No. 8, was chosen Grand Outer Guard.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances reported that no appeals had been presented to them, and asked to be discharged, which request was granted.

The Committee on Laws and Supervision presented its report, as follows:

SUNCOOK, February 3, 1881.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

Your committee, to which was referred the report of the Grand Chancellor, beg leave to submit the following report:

That so much as relates to the appointment of District Deputy Grand Chancellors be approved.

That the action of the Grand Chancellor, in relation to Lodges in Vermont, be approved; and we would recommend that such means be taken to secure the books, papers and paraphernalia belonging to said Lodges, as may be deemed best by the incoming Grand Chancellor.

That the action of the Grand Chancellor, in regard to defunct Lodges, be approved.

We would recommend that all the decisions of the Grand Chancellor be approved and concurred in.

That so much of the report as relates to the death of the following Brothers, A. W. Smith, William Kennedy, James Carlisle, and George F. Crosby, be referred to a committee of four, to draft resolutions of sympathy to the afflicted families.

That so much as relates to the institution of St. Andrews Lodge No. 21 be approved; and we recommend that a duly authenticated charter be issued by the proper officers, for said Lodge.

We find that the Grand Chancellor reports that Brother Robert Young

was elected as a Past Chancellor, while Brother Daniell was the sitting Past Chancellor. We would report that this was done entirely without authority of law or record.

We find that the law passed in 1875, regulating the matter of making Past Chancellors, is now binding and in force, and this law delares that Past Chancellors can only be made, 1st, by service as Chancellor Commander, or as sitting Past Chancellor in the institution of a new Lodge; 2d, when a Chancellor Commander is re-elected, or a Past Chancellor is elected Chancellor Commander, a Knight may be selected by the Lodge, on whom the Grand Lodge may confer the rank of Past Chancellor, at the close of the term.

There is no law providing for or permitting the rank to be conferred upon any others. We are therefore compelled to report that this act of the Grand Chancellor was illegal; but inasmuch as the Past Chancellor's rank has been conferred upon said Brother Young, in the morning session, and as it is difficult to revoke this act of the Grand Lodge, we would recommend that Bro. Robert Young be entered upon our records as a Past Chancellor.

We trust that hereafter the law, as found on record and herein declared, will be rigidly enforced by the Grand Lodge officers.

We further find that in some instances, at the institution of a new Lodge, charter members have been received and the three ranks conferred upon them for a less sum than the amount prescribed in Sec. 2 Art. 5 of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, which states that "the fee for the ranks shall in no case be less than five dollars for each of the three ranks."

We trust that the officers of this Grand Lodge will see that in the future this law is strictly complied with.

We would recommend that Sec. 6 Art. 4 of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges be amended, by striking out the words, "as soon as practicable," in the fourth and fifth lines, and inserting the words, "at least once in each month."

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. ROLLINS,
S. S. DAVIS,
J. FRANK SEAVEY,
Committee.

The report was accepted and adopted, and upon a vote being taken in regard to the amendment to the Subordinate Lodge Constitution, after some discussion, the amendment was adopted.

Voted, To take a recess till seven o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called to order at 7.15 P. M., Grand Chancellor Foss in the chair.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence asked to be excused from reading their report, and that they have leave to print the same with the Proceedings, which request was granted.

The Grand Chancellor appointed, as a committee to prepare suitable resolutions in memory of the members of this grand body who have deceased during the year, Past Grand Chancellor Daniel E. Howard, of No. 8, Past Grand Chancellor Frank E. Rollins, of No. 2, Past Chancellor Robert A. Seaver, of No. 4, and Past Chancellor Edward D. Coffin, of No. 9.

Voted, To install the officers elected for the ensuing term, which was done by Past Supreme Chancellor Davis, assisted by Past Supreme Representative J. Frank Seavey, as Grand Prelate, and Supreme Representative Frank E. Rollins, as Grand Master-at-Arms.

The Grand Outer Guard elect, Stewart I. Brown, not being present, a new election was ordered, and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was instructed to cast the vote of the Grand Lodge for Charles A. Bagley, of Nashua Lodge No. 5, to fill that office, and Bro. Bagley having been declared elected was duly installed in his office.

The election of Supreme Representative for four years was next in order, and on a ballot being taken Past Grand Chancellor Charles M. Lang, of Concord Lodge No. 8, was declared elected.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns made their report on the semi-annual returns of Subordinate Lodges, as follows:

SUNCOOK, N. H., February 3, 1881.

To the Grand Chancellor and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

Your Committee on Credentials and Returns, having examined the returns of the several Subordinate Lodges, would report as follows:

For the term ending June 30, 1880, we find Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 20 correct; and that Nos. 13, 14 and 17 are incorrect, by reason of clerical errors in the same.

For the term ending Dec. 31, 1880, we find that Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13 and 20 are correct; that Nos. 2 and 10 have not sent in any report; that No. 7 is incomplete, and that Nos. 17 and 18 are incorrect.

Respectfully submitted, in F. C. and B.,

CHARLES M. LANG,
GEORGE P. APPLETON,
DANIEL E. HOWARD,
Committee.

Voted, To accept the report of the committee and place the same on file.

The Committee on Laws and Supervision, to which was referred the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, reported asfollows:

SUNCOOK, February 3, 1881.

To the Grand Chancellor, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

Your committee, having examined the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, would ask leave to submit their report.

We recommend that the action of the Grand Lodge officers, in loaning the paraphernalia belonging to this Grand Lodge to St. Andrews Lodge No. 21, be approved.

We also recommend that the proceedings of this Grand Lodge be printed, under the direction of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and the Committee on Printing, in such number as they may deem necessary.

We further recommend that the circulars issued by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be approved of, and that officer be empowered to issue

such circulars during the coming year as he may deem to be for the best interests of the Order in this jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. ROLLINS,
S. S. DAVIS,
J. FRANK SEAVEY,
Committee.

The report was accepted and adopted.

It was voted that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be instructed to procure proper jewel-cases, for the Grand Lodge jewels.

The Grand Chancellor announced the appointment of District Deputy Grand Chancellors, and members of the several standing committees, as follows:

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

1. Pioneer, Newmarket, John O. Davis.
2. Swamscott, Exeter, Goorge W. Staples.
3. Granite, Manchester, Charles E. Page.
4. Merrimack, Manchester, Charles E. Page.
5. Nashua, Nashua, John F. Benson.
6. Olive Branch, Dover, Henry Landecker.
7. Rising Sun, Rochester, Charles E. Harriman.
8. Concord, Concord, George P. Haines.
9. Damon, Portsmouth, Albert T. Pickering.
10. Pawtuckaway, Epping, Frank E. Bean.
11. Harmony, Farmington, Charles W. Gray.
12. Oriental, Suncook, Ellery O. Herrin.
13. Prospect, Great Falls, Austin N. Pettingell.
17. Hillsborough, Hillsboro' Bridge, Ira W. Jackman.
18. Morning Star, Milton Mills, Amos W. Low.
20. Mt. Belknap, Laconia, Curtis H. Watson.
21. St. Andrews, Franklin Falls, Frank H. Daniell.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Laws and Supervision.—Stilman S. Davis, of No. 5, Rufus B. Foss, of No. 11, Daniel E. Howard, of No. 8.

On Finance.—William E. Moore, of No. 3, Frank H. Daniell, of No. 21, Ira W. Jackman, of No. 17.

On Appeals and Grievances.—J. Frank Seavey, of No. 6, Robert A. Seaver, of No. 4, John N. Haines, of No. 13.

On Credentials and Returns.—John P. Young, of No. 3, Frank E. Rollins, of No. 2, Gilman Doeg, of No. 1.

On Printing.—Frank W. Truland, of No. 20, Edward D. Coffin, of No. 9, Charles O. Moulton, of No. 12.

On Foreign Correspondence.—Frank J. Pillsbury, of No. 8, Asa A. Fox, of No. 18, Ira Doe, of No. 7.

The special committee on resolutions of respect to our deceased Brothers reported separately, as follows:

WHEREAS, Since our last annual meeting, the grim messenger, Death, has removed from our ranks Past Grand Master-at-Arms, WILLIAM KENNEDY, therefore,—

Resolved, That in the removal of this Brother from our midst our Order loses one of its most useful and beloved members. His genial disposition, his whole-souled and kindly presence, won for him a warm and welcome reception wherever he went. His loss cannot be easily replaced. His unflagging interest in everything pertaining to the good of this his most cherished Order will ever be remembered by those whose good fortune it was to know his virtues.

Resolved, That we will strive to emulate his example, and thus keep his memory ever fresh in our hearts.

Fraternallly submitted,
EDWARD D. COFFIN,
Damon Lodge No. 9.

WHEREAS, Our beloved Brother, JAMES CARLISLE, a Past Chancellor, has been removed by death from the Grand Jurisdiction of New Hampshire to the Supreme Lodge above, therefore be it,

Resolved, That in his decease his Subordinate Lodge has lost a most zeal-

ous and faithful member, his family a loving and affectionate father, and the Grand Lodge a true and worthy Pythian Knight.

Resolved, That we extend our sympathy to the family of our lamented Brother, and to the membership of the Order throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, in the loss they have sustained.

Fraternally submitted,
FRANK E. ROLLINS,
Swamscott Lodge No. 2.

WHEREAS, Our beloved Brother, Past Chancellor GEORGE F. CROSBY, has been removed by the hand of Death from this earthly home to one eternal and heavenly, therefore be it,

Resolved, That in his decease our Lodge has lost a most earnest and faithful member, his family a loving and affectionate husband and father and an honored son and brother, and the Grand Lodge a worthy and able exponent of the principles of true Pythian Knighthood.

Resolved, That we extend our sympathies to the family of our late lamented Brother and to the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire.

Resolved, That the resolutions be spread upon our records, and that a duly attested copy of the same be forwarded to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and to the family of the deceased.

Fraternally submitted,
ROBERT A. SEAVER,
Merrimack Lodge No. 4.

WHEREAS, Since our last annual meeting, Brother A. W. SMITH, of Concord Lodge No. 8, has been removed from us by death, therefore,—

Resolved, That in his death we have lost a true and faithful Brother, one who was deeply interested in the welfare and growth of our beloved Order —true to its principles, a genial companion and exemplary friend.

Resolved, That we sincerely mourn his loss and extend to all his remaining friends our deep and heart-felt sympathy.

Fraternally submitted,
DANIEL E. HOWARD,
Concord Lodge No. 8.

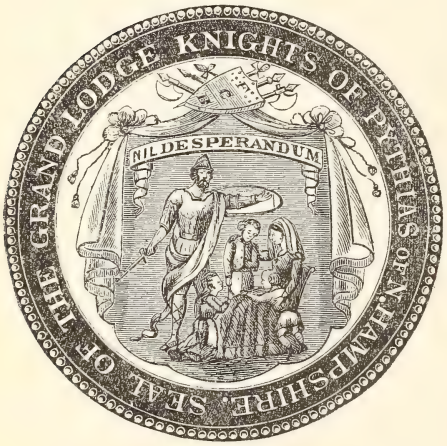
The following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this grand body are hereby extended to Past Grand Chancellor Lang, for his efforts in procuring reduced railroad rates; and to the members of Oriental Lodge No. 12, for courtesies extended during the session.

The business of the session having been completed, the Grand Chancellor, at 8.30 P. M., declared the Grand Lodge closed, to meet in Manchester, on the first Thursday in February, 1882, unless sooner called together in special convention.

A true record, attest:

FRANK J. PILLSBURY,
G. K. R. S.



A. W. SMITH,

Past Chancellor and Charter Member.

Initiated, Proved and Charged, in Concord Lodge, No. 8, Concord, N. H., November 18th, 1870.

Died February 27th, 1880, aged 35 years.

JAMES CARLISLE,

Past Chancellor and Charter Member.

Initiated and Proved in Swamscott Lodge No. 2, Exeter, N. H., April 6th. Charged April 13th, 1870.

Died November 19th, 1880, aged 60 years.

WILLIAM KENNEDY,

Past Grand Master-at-Arms.

Initiated in Damon Lodge No. 9, Portsmouth, N. H., February 7th. Proved and Charged February 14th, 1871. Charter member.

Died October 6th, 1880, aged 44 years.

GEORGE F. CROSBY,

Past Chancellor.

Initiated in Merrimack Lodge No. 4, Manchester, N. H., January 26th.
Proved February 2d, and charged February 16th, 1872.

Died February 2d, 1881, aged 32 years.

APPENDIX.

REPORT

OF

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

We have received the Journals of 1880 from the following States: Kentucky, Ohio, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Georgia, Nevada, Maryland, Maine, Massachusetts, Delaware, Mississippi, Minnesota, West Virginia, Kansas, Indiana, and New York.

KENTUCKY.

The 10th annual session was held at Louisville, Sept. 21st, 22d and 23d, 1880, Grand Chancellor W. W. Blackwell presiding. From the Grand Chancellor's able and valuable report we glean some matters of importance. He announced the following decisions:

That it was neither proper nor legal for the D. D. G. C. to accept or hold office in his Subordinate Lodge; for being prime minister of the Grand Lodge, he is superior in the scale of rank to any other member of his Lodge. Can he then accept a subordinate position? Is it possible for one man to be subordinate and superior? No — he must be entirely one or the other.

And again, the question was asked: "Is the law charging fees for dispensations still in force or has it been re-

voked?" After submitting the entire correspondence, he said: "I now proclaim the opinion expressed by the Bro. as not in accord with strict legal construction of the only official record, and hereby authorize the G. K. of R. & S. to return all moneys collected in this way, and make no further collections or charges under the head of 'Fees for Dispensations.'"

The following question seems unsettled in this jurisdiction, as in others: "Has an officer of the Grand Lodge the right to wear his Grand Lodge regalia in his Subordinate Lodge?" And the answer was given, here as elsewhere, "Yes. He has the unquestioned right to wear the regalia of his station in any K. of P. Lodge."

In the Grand Chancellor's "Recommendations" he said that he would recommend that some action be taken authorizing the Grand Chancellor to transfer the number of any defunct Lodge to any new Lodge organized, giving a suitable time for said defunct Lodge to attempt reorganization. In this way we can fill up many of the blanks which would never be filled by any other process.

In speaking of the condition of the Order, he says: "I am pleased to report that in my opinion the Order was never in a better condition. While our increase in the jurisdiction has not been large it has been of a superior character and standing."

The G. K. of R. and S. says: "It is with just pride that I report the Order in our midst in a flourishing condition, having added to our roster during the past year one new Lodge, Charter Oak No. 46, located at Ludlow, Kenton County, instituted by V. G. C. Morris. Our net increase for the past year, 110 members. The total membership is 1652."

Suitable resolutions were adopted in memory of Past

Grand Chancellor and Supreme Representative James W. Marity, and Past Chancellor Noah Smith.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The annual session of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was held at Carlisle, Cumberland County, Aug. 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st, 1880.

The Grand Chancellor, Thomas G. Sample, commenced his interesting report in the following manner: "Once more, through the mercies of a most beneficent Providence, we are permitted to meet in the Grand Lodge session, for the purpose of legislating for the good of the Order, a duty that should call forth the very best effort upon the part of all, and which duty we should all feel honored in being called upon to perform. During the past year we have had a season of prosperity, which must be gratifying to all, as we have for the past seven years, in common with other secret beneficial societies, suffered a large loss of membership."

We are thus glad to notice, here as in other places, an increasing interest and consequently an increasing prosperity. He refers to the looseness with which many of the Subordinate Lodges are conducted, and recommends that a committee be appointed to prepare a new digest.

Further on in the report we notice the following: "My ruling has invariably been that the special dispensation granted set aside all laws relative to fees to be charged for admission, and allows the law to confer the three ranks, irrespective of age, for $6, but has no bearing upon any qualification for membership; neither does it allow the Lodge to confer more than one rank in an evening, unless the dispensation fee required by our law be paid.

The Grand Chancellor has been untiring in his efforts

to advance the welfare of the Order, having made a large number of official visits to the several Subordinate Lodges for the purpose of giving instructions in the unwritten work of the Order, averaging four nights a week of constant visitation since the adjournment of the last session. He also officiated as presiding officer at several public installations of officers.

Among his rulings we note the following:

Question. Are the Chancellor Commander, Keeper of Records and Seal, and Master of Exchequer, eligible to the office of Trustee?

Answer. They are not.

The Journal of the annual session is a neat pamphlet of 280 pages. Pennsylvania has 349 Lodges, with a membership of 28,377.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The eleventh annual session was held at Newbury, September 7th, 1880.

Grand Chancellor Bernard Shanley presented an excellent report, in which he says that, in spite of the financial difficulties and adverse circumstances, the Order in West Virginia has slowly but surely advanced, both numerically and financially, in the past year.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, J. Rufus Smith, states in his report that the present membership is 716, and that the total receipts for the year were $599.65, leaving an indebtedness of only $63.04.

MICHIGAN.

The eighth annual session met at Port Huron, February 3d and 4th, 1880.

Since the last session one new Lodge, Battle Creek No. 35, was instituted under dispensation, the 27th of June. This Lodge has already a membership of nearly forty, including Pages and Esquires.

Among the orders of the Grand Chancellor are the following: "No dispensations will be granted for any excursions, under the auspices of any Lodge, to take place on Sunday, and all excursions of such character on that day are prohibited." "No Knight in the uniform of the Order or with any insignia of the ranks openly worn, will hereafter be permitted to enter any drinking saloon within his jurisdiction."

A decision of the Chancellor Commander reads as follows: "The provision in the By-Laws of a Subordinate Lodge, declaring an office vacant in the case of the incumbent for three successive meetings being absent, cannot be enforced until a charge has been preferred, and the brother given an opportunity to defend himself."

The present membership is 934; the balance of funds on hand is $443.55.

RHODE ISLAND.

The ninth annual session convened at Providence, February 18th, 1880.

The journal of this session is a neatly gotten-up pamphlet of fifty pages.

In membership this jurisdiction shows a loss of eighty-six, fifty-four of those being occasioned by the surrender of the charters of "John Milton" and "Hope" Lodges. "Ivanhoe" and "Eureka" Lodges have consolidated, and will be known hereafter as Eureka Lodge.

The membership at the close of 1876 was 513. The receipts were $1251.18. The amount paid for benefits was $922.33; for current expenses, $3132.99.

MARYLAND.

The twelfth annual session of the Grand Jurisdiction of Maryland met at Baltimore, February the 10th, 11th and 12th, 1880.

Grand Chancellor J. J. Kahler submitted an excellent report. In his recommendations he speaks of those who were formerly good members of the Order, but who were deprived of their connection by the Lodges to which they were attached becoming extinct. He says that they would return to the Order by connecting themselves with some Lodge in the vicinity of their residence, if the excessive charge for admission upon Withdrawal Cards could be reduced. He suggested that in cases of this kind the Grand Lodge should come to the relief of those unwillingly deprived of their membership, by striking out the amount charged against them at the time of dissolution, The Section, when amended, would read thus: "Members of defunct Lodges, who are in arrears, or suspended for non-payment of dues, may receive a Withdrawal Card on the payment of three dollars, by applying to the Grand Chancellor."

The Grand Lodge here have a circulating library of 2500 volumes, with the prospect of a large increase.

We learn from the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, James Whitehouse, that there are now in this jurisdiction 85 Lodges, with a membership of 6149.

MAINE.

The eighth annual session was held at Portland, June 1st and 2d, 1880.

Grand Chancellor Charles M. Moses delivered a most valuable address. In referring to the prosperity of the Order, he says: "Our best efforts have been made to establish new Lodges, and to advance the interests of the Order throughout the jurisdiction; and it is with pleasure we are able to report the institution of five new Lodges since our last session, all of which are in a growing and prosperous condition."

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Joseph F. Chute, reports the number of Lodges, Dec. 31, 1879, at 32, with a membership of 1694. Cash on hand, December 31, $130.92.

M. L. Stevens, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented a thorough review of twenty-five Grand Lodges and of the Supreme Lodge.

INDIANA.

The twelfth annual session was held at Indianapolis, January 27th and 28th, 1880.

The Grand Chancellor, in his report, speaks of five new Lodges instituted during the past year, all starting under favorable conditions. There seems to be a steady growth here, financially and numerically. We note the following among the decisions of the Grand Chancellor:

Question. "Can a Lodge reinstate a member when suspended by another Lodge."

Answer. "No. A suspended brother can only be reinstated by the Lodge that suspended him."

The present membership is 3823; net gain for the year, 542. The total receipts were $4023.81.

TENNESSEE.

The ninth annual session was held at Nashville, February 10th and 11th, 1880.

Grand Chancellor R. S. C. White has been most diligently engaged during the past year, besides his regular duties, in administering to the sick and needy of the jurisdiction. Most of this extra work was caused by the yellow fever epidemic. Special relief committees were organized and as much as possible done for the suffering.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal presents a valuable report. From it we learn there has been a rapid increase, each Lodge having enlarged its membership, and at the same time regard has been paid to the character of the growth.

There are now 16 Lodges at work, with a membership of 900, a net gain of 154 since the last session. The amount of funds on hand was $2984.94.

DELAWARE.

The twelfth annual session met at Wilmington, October 28th, 1880.

In the well-written report of the Grand Chancellor, Jas. L. Rice, we note the following decision:

Question. "Has a Deputy Grand Chancellor the right to deputize, to install officers? Can a Deputy Grand Chancellor install himself into an office which he has been elected to fill?"

Answer. "No—in both cases."

On June 30th, 1880, there were 16 Lodges, with a mem-

bership of 1082. The report contains an abstract, showing the financial condition of the Subordinate Lodges, December 31st, 1879.

MISSISSIPPI.

The seventh annual session was held at Columbus, May 13th and 14th, 1880.

Grand Chancellor William McLean presented a report, well-written and to the point. His first decision was as follows:

Question. "Are the members of a Lodge compelled to give reasons for voting against a Page's application for the Esquire's rank?"

Answer. "There seems to be no difference in the law in reference to the balloting upon a Page's application for the Esquire's rank and the original application for the Page's rank. Hence I would answer in the negative."

We regret to state that the Grand Master of Exchequer, some time last fall, left this jurisdiction, carrying with him all the Grand Lodge funds, the result of which conduct threw the finances into a deplorable condition, and required some time to extricate the Grand Lodge from its embarrassment.

Further on, the Grand Chancellor says: "Under the law, as it is now written and always has been, any member of the Grand Lodge is eligible to the office of Grand Chancellor, and why it is that an additional qualification is necessary for a member to hold the office of District Deputy Grand Chancellor I must confess my inability to perceive."

The Grand Chancellor spoke forcibly of the need of a law being enacted, authorizing the institutor of a Subor-

dinate Lodge to receive for his services the sum of one dollar for each charter member, to be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

Under Grand Chancellor McLean the number of Subordinate Lodges has grown from 13, with a membership of 406, to 23, with a membership of 1161, making an increase in membership of 140 per cent. In addition, movements are on foot to establish new Lodges at three other places.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be required to purchase a neatly-bound book, in which the official bonds of the Grand Lodge officers shall be recorded by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to be custodian of said book.

An amendment to the Grand Lodge Constitution, to the following effect, was offered: To make the per capita tax fifty cents instead of one dollar. The committee reported adversely and the amendment failed.

The following queries, submitted by Grand Vice Chancellor Owen Royce, for consideration, were answered by the Committee on Laws and Supervision:

Question. "Can a member who has been rejected be accepted as a charter member of a Lodge?"

Answer. "No."

Question. "Should not the instituting officer put the question, 'Have you ever before applied for membership in the Order of Knights of Pythias?' to each and every charter member? Sec. 188, Digest."

Answer. "Yes."

Question. "Does a Knight who has been suspended for non-payment of dues pay dues after such suspension? Sec. 148, Digest."

Answer. "No. But in case of reinstatement he shall pay the amount due when suspended."

At the adjournment it was voted to meet at Greenville, on the second Tuesday in May, 1881.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The eleventh annual session was held at Boston, February 11th, 1880.

Grand Chancellor William H. Lee, in his report concerning the Endowment Rank, says:

"While I consider the Endowment Rank has been a great benefit to the Order in this jurisdiction, I believe that if it were divested of all its ritualistic ceremonies, and made a purely business matter connected with the Subordinate Lodges, its beneficial effects would be much greater."

Suitable resolutions were adopted, in reference to the death of Past Chancellors Charles A. Howland, Ashley Newell and Hermann Saalwatchter.

There are in this jurisdiction 44 Lodges, with a membership of 3261.

GEORGIA.

The eleventh annual session was held at Macon, on May 1st, 1880.

The Order here, although being greatly reduced by the hard times during the past few years, has now slowly begun to revive, and we trust that with the start it has now it will soon regain its former position.

The entire indebtedness of the Grand Lodge is $525 and accrued interest. The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, S. C. Roberts, in his report states the present mem-

bership at 368, and the excess of expenses over receipts during six months was $109.96.

NEVADA.

The eighth annual session was held at Reno, August 9th and 10th, 1880.

Grand Chancellor J. A. Johnson recommends in his report that the Chancellor Commander and Vice Chancellor of each Lodge be requested to memorize the secret work before being installed.

We would endorse the Grand Chancellor's recommendation in this regard.

There are now 9 Lodges in this jurisdiction, with a membership of 439, which is the largest showing of numbers since the organization of the grand body.

Resolutions were adopted in memory of the late Josiah C. Harper.

IOWA.

The eleventh annual session was held at Des Moines, February 10th and 11th, 1880.

In the excellent report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, H. D. Walker, we learn that the Order here has for the past year prospered unprecedentedly both numerically and financially, having added eleven new Lodges to the Grand Lodge roster and over 400 Knights.

This shows a gain of over 40 per cent.

The total receipts from the Subordinates amounted to $8,121.13; expended, $6,647.71; for relief, $509.17.

CONNECTICUT.

The twelfth annual convention of the Grand Lodge met at Hartford, February 17th, 1880.

Grand Chancellor George A. Staples furnishes us with a concise and valuable document. He says: "No new Lodges have been added to our number of last year, neither have any surrendered their charter, and I believe that our condition, financially and numerically, compares favorably with that of last year, with a balance in favor of the present."

The Grand Chancellor earnestly recommends that a law be provided for the reinstatement of suitable persons who were once members of Lodges now defunct, and who were not in good standing at the dissolution of their Lodge.

The balance now in the hands of the Grand Master of Exchequer is $395.04, and the present membership 1506.

MINNESOTA.

The ninth annual session of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was held January 27th, 1880.

The Subordinate Lodges number 12, with a membership of 755, showing an increase of 87 during the year.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Ed. A. Stevens, presents a report which shows a faithful year's labor on his part. He speaks of the necessity of the "powers that be" providing some method by which a Page failing to advance to Esquire, or an Esquire failing to advance to Knighthood within a specified time, shall be dropped from the rolls.

And further on he says: "Would it not be well to discontinue the practice of appointing standing committees a year in advance? They have nothing to do during the recess, or, if they have, do nothing, while experience shows that so many of the members are absent at the next session as to necessitate the appointment of new committees, wholly or in part."

Also, in reference to Withdrawal Cards, he says:

"One Withdrawal Card has been issued by your Grand Lodge officers to a member of Pioneer Lodge No. 3, defunct, during the past year. The question has been raised and should be settled, as to whether in such a case the sum of $2 is charged in lieu of all claims, or whether a member of a defunct Lodge must also pay up any indebtedness charged against him on the books. I have inclined to the former view, and so acted in the case named."

On the above question the committee to whom it was referred reported as follows:

Resolved, That a Lodge may, by a majority vote of its members present, drop from its rolls the names of any Page or Esquire who has failed to apply for advancement to the next rank for a period of six months.

Upon the second question:

Resolved, That all the actions of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, touching the preparation of the roster of Grand Lodge officers, District Deputies and standing committees be approved, and that the Grand Chancellor be instructed hereafter to appoint all standing committee at the commencement of the Grand Lodge session.

In the third case:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal in matter of issuance of Withdrawal Cards be approved, and the law relative thereto, be interpreted, as stated in his report.

KANSAS.

The ninth annual convention met at Atchison, May 18th and 19th, 1880, the Grand Chancellor, H. M. Frazier, presiding.

From his report we learn that eight new Lodges have been instituted since the last annual session, with a membership of nearly 300, and three defunct Lodges have

revived, with a membership of 75. This makes the present number of Lodges 27, with a membership of 1097.

OHIO.

The eleventh annual session was held at Dayton, May 25th, 26th and 27th, 1880.

We find the report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Joseph Dowdall, to be a valuable document. It shows a membership of 6079. The receipts for the year from Subordinates were $50,037.88.

We extract the following from the Grand Chancellor's report: "The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal will show you that we are on the road to progress, and to him, more than to any one I can mention, is the Order entitled to its present and I may say proud position. No one has been more faithful or true."

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That each Subordinate Lodge be, and are hereby requested to pay to the Grand Lodge semi-annually, the sum of 25 cents per capita for each member who has attained the rank of Knight, as reported semi-annually.

NEW YORK.

The twelfth annual session was held at Buffalo, July 27th, 28th and 29th, 1880.

The following is the first decision of the Grand Chancellor, John C. Nott:

Question. "Where should the semi-annual password be given?"

Answer. "Never through the wicket, but only after the door is partly opened, so that the visiting Brother can see that the Outer Guard is in fact a Knight."

A resolution was adopted, tendering thanks to the retir-

ing Grand Chancellor, John C. Nott, for the manifest zeal and ability with which he had carried the Grand Lodge through the year.

From the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, John J. Ackers, we learn that the receipts from all sources during the year just closed were $2933.59, and the expenditures $2475.82, leaving a balance of $457.77—showing an increase in receipts of $229.15, and in expenditures of $516.10.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal proposes that the grand body frame some regulations concerning the obtaining of Withdrawal Cards from the Grand Lodge, for as the law now is, there are cases of members applying for Cards who are square on the books of the defunct Lodges to which they belonged, and others who are not. The books not being in the possession of the K. of R. and S., it is impossible to tell whether the applicant is square or not. There are also cases of members of consolidated Lodges, suspended before consolidation, and of those defunct whose charters have been reclaimed.

A "Memorial Page" was set apart in memory of Past Chancellors Staats Winnie and John Colby.

Fraternally submitted,

FRANK J. PILLSBURY,
FRED. NEWMAN,
ASA A. FOX,
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

GRAND LODGE ROSTER.

Past Supreme Chancellor.

STILMAN S. DAVIS, ... Nashua Lodge No. 5, Nashua.

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William E. Moore, ...	" " "
William R. Patten, ...	Merrimack No. 4, Manchester.
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Ira G. Dockham,
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Charles W. Tuttle,
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A. A. Towle,
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F. H. Dame,
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Albert Whittier,
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H. D. Wood,
F. G. Evans,
C. P. Morse,
W. R. Blakeley,
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REPORT

OF

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Sept. 8, 1880.

To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

BROTHERS: In compliance with the resolve of your honorable body your Representatives respectfully present the following report.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The biennial (eleventh) session of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the World, assembled at St. Louis, Missouri, on Tuesday, Aug. 24, 1880, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in the hall of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows. The officers and members were escorted from their headquarters at the Lindell Hotel by Preux Chevalier Uniform Division, No. 3, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Upon reaching the hall, the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of Missouri, were found in session, and the Supreme Lodge was formally welcomed by Grand Chancellor Rudolph, of Missouri, which courtesy was acknowledged by Supreme Chancellor Woodruff, in an appropriate response. The Grand Lodge having withdrawn, the Supreme body was opened in due form, prayer being offered by the Supreme Prelate, the Rev. Wm. Bryce Thompson. The morning session was occupied with the allotment of seats, the usual discussion upon the report on credentials, the admission of Representatives, and other routine business. Representative Lee, of Rhode Island, was chosen official reporter. At 2 o'clock P. M., the Supreme Lodge adjourned till 9 o'clock of Wednesday morning.

AFTERNOON PARADE.

The parade in the afternoon, in honor of the Supreme Lodge, was participated in generally by the military commands resident in St. Louis, by Uniform Divisions from Cleveland, Springfield and Dayton, Ohio; from Lafayette, Indiana; from Indianapolis, Bloomington, Trenton, and Evansville, Illinois, with various Lodges and delegations of Knights from other localities. The Brotherhood in St. Louis made a superb display, contributing four Uniform Divisions, seven Subordinate Lodges, and the "Order of Ancient Knights," mounted and in armor, presenting an unique and brilliant appearance. The line was supplemented by a Division from Moberly, Mo., the St. Louis Police Reserves, and possibly by other Pythian commands not above included, and the whole formed an escort to the officers and members of the Supreme Lodge, for whose accommodation carriages had been provided.

Owing to the extreme heat, the thermometer standing

at 96 in the shade, the procession was probably shorn of at least one half its numbers, while the failure of the police to co-operate with the local committees made some portions of the parade a veritable burlesque. Your Representatives have no hesitation in characterizing the St. Louis police as the most inefficient body of men ever entrusted with a similar duty. The decorations along the route although not elaborate were quite general, the brilliant colors of the Order showing to good advantage. Upon the whole, when the season of the year and the intense heat is considered, the Order has reason to congratulate the Knights of Missouri upon their efforts in its honor, and as the Representatives of New Hampshire we offer our grateful thanks.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT.

A fine evening's entertainment was given in Pope's Theatre, the exercises including the Mayor's address of welcome, with response by Supreme Chancellor Woodruff, an address by J. H. Rathbone, the "Founder of the Order," an oration by the Rev. John Gierlow, D. D., an essay by Mrs. Dare, and a well-selected musical, dramatic and literary programme, occupying the time until nearly midnight. Notwithstanding the heat the theatre was crowded with a brilliant and representative audience, plainly evincing by their attendance and attention their interest in our growing Order.

WEDNESDAY — MORNING SESSION.

The Supreme Lodge re-assembled at 9 A. M., when the roll was called. Notwithstanding the fact that the report of the Supreme Chancellor was in print and in the hands

of the members, the reading of s considerable portion of it was listened to with commendable patience. The report, which was a long and able one, was referred to the special committee for distribution. The reports of the remaining officers were also referred to the usual standing committees.

The time, until the hour of adjournment at 2 o'clock, was consumed in the consideration of the final report of the Committee on Credentials, and of reports of special committees to whom particular cases were referred. The standing committees for the ensuing two years were also appointed by the Supreme Chancellor, the Representatives from New Hampshire being assigned respectively to the departments of Printing and Dispensations and Charters. There was also created a special committee of seven, to whom all matters relating to the Endowment Rank were to be referred, and of this important committee, Representative Gale of Massachusetts was made chairman.

On the call of States for business, an immense number of documents, covering the multifarious points involved, were sent up from nearly every desk and rapidly referred to the appropriate committees.

A recess was then taken till Thursday morning, to give the several committees time to prepare their reports.

THURSDAY — MORNING SESSION.

The early part of the forenoon session was spent in routine business and discussion, mainly upon an exhaustive report from the Special Committee on Irregularities of Past Grand Chancellors. The Supreme Lodge then proceeded to the consideration of an Installation Service for

the use of the Supreme Lodge, a form for which was presented and read by Past Supreme Chancellor Rathbone.

Adopted without opposition.

AFTERNOON.

Additional special committees were appointed, as follows: On Blank Forms, Unfinished Business, Uniform Rank, and Deceased Members.

A petition for a "ladies' rank" was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order. Said committee subsequently reported, "inexpedient to legislate," which report was adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The hour fixed upon having arrived, the Supreme Lodge proceeded to the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing two years, with the following result:

GEORGE W. LINDSAY, of Baltimore, Maryland, *Supreme Chancellor.*

JOAN P. LINTON, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, *Supreme Vice Chancellor.*

W. BRYCE THOMPSON, of Nashville, Tennessee, re-elected, *Supreme Prelate.*

JOHN B. STUMPH, of Indianapolis, Indiana, re-elected, *Supreme Master of Exchequer.*

JOSEPH DOWDALL, of Columbus, Ohio, re-elected, *Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal.*

J. RUFUS SMITH, of West Virginia, *Supreme Master-at-Arms.*

GEORGE B. SHAW, of Wisconsin, *Supreme Inner Guard.*

JOHN W. THOMPSON, of Washington, D. C., re-elected, *Supreme Outer Guard.*

FRIDAY — MORNING SESSION.

Various reports were submitted, and much discussion indulged in, generally upon matters of no special interest to this jurisdiction. Several amendments to the Constitution of the Supreme Lodge were presented and laid over for two years. The Committee on Finance reported in approval of the accounts of the Endowment Rank and of those of the Supreme Master of Exchequer and Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, which were found correct and satisfactory.

A proposed amendment, allowing the ranks to be conferred for a less sum than ten dollars, was indefinitely postponed. Another, providing that a brother twelve months in arrears "*may*" instead of "*shall*" be suspended, was killed by a vote of 55 to 2.

Adjourned at 2.30 P. M.

SATURDAY — MORNING SESSION.

Considerable business was transacted, of local interest only to the jurisdictions concerned. An amendment, giving grand jurisdictions power to provide for and limit some "probationary period" during which a newly-made Knight should not be entitled to receive weekly sick benefits, was, after a long discussion, defeated by a vote of 37 to 21.

An amendment creating higher ranks in the Order was indefinitely postponed.

A resolution to place the whole business of the Endowment Rank with a committee of five, with full power to act, was tabled by a vote of 42 to 10.

Representative MOORE, of New Hampshire, offered the following:

Resolved, That Article VIII, Section 2, Paragraph 22,

of the Supreme Lodge Constitution, be amended so as to read as follows:

22. Lodges shall provide for carrying into effect the beneficial character of the Order, by providing for the payment of weekly benefits in case of disability, and funeral benefits in the case of the death of a member; and weekly benefits shall not be less than one dollar per week, nor funeral benefits less than twenty dollars; the number of weeks in any given year during which sick benefits shall be paid, may be left to be determined by the several Grand Jurisdictions respectively.

A resolution to hold the next session of the Supreme Lodge at Detroit, Michigan, was reported upon favorably by the Committee on Mileage, and adopted.

AFTERNOON.

The session was occupied with the consideration and discussion of various reports, principally uyon cases of appeal, covering points not of especial interest to this State.

On recommendation of the Committee on Finance, the price of "Official Receipts" was reduced from $2.00 to $1.00 per hundred, the reduction to take effect from and after November 1st, 1880.

The Supreme Lodge adjourned from 6.20 to 8.30 P. M., at which hour it went into secret session, and finally adjourned to Monday morning, at 9 A. M.

SUNDAY.

By invitation of the Executive Committee of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, the officers and members of the Supreme Lodge, accompanied with ladies and invited guests, were provided with carriages at the Lindell Hotel and escorted through the most picturesque portion of St. Louis, *via* Lafayette Park and Tower Hill, to the Missouri Botanical Garden, usually known as "Shaw's Garden," in

honor of the munificent donor. This pleasant excursion will long be remembered.

MONDAY — MORNING SESSION.

After considerable routine and miscellaneous business, the Special Committee on Blank Forms reported in favor of the forms now in use. Adopted.

A design for Past Supreme Representative's jewel was adopted.

A resolution to prepare a ritual for a Lodge of Sorrow was adopted.

A resolution that hereafter all appeals to the Supreme Lodge be printed, the expense to be borne by the appellants, was adopted by a vote of 32 to 8.

AFTERNOON.

The report of the Committee on Revision of Ritual, that it was inexpedient to consolidate the offices of Master of Exchequer and Master of Finance, was adopted.

The consolidation of the office of Master of Finance with that of Keeper of Records and Seal was also refused.

The Committee on Endowment Rank presented a majority and two minority reports — the consideration of which occupied the time until the hour for adjournment. As the legislation in regard to this Rank is made the subject of a special circular from the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, giving the local Sections all necessary information, no attempt will be made to anticipate it in this report.

EVENING.

The entire evening, until nearly midnight, was taken up with business pertaining to the Endowment Rank.

Among the decisions of the Supreme Chancellor, which were approved, is found the following, which may be regarded as of especial interest to the members of the Order in this jurisdiction:

8. "Grand Lodges *may* prescribe a probationary period in their Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, in which members may not draw full benefits, but *provided always* that the minimum benefit of one dollar per week, and funeral benefit of twenty dollars, *shall be paid* through such period."

Under a suspension of the rules, the officers elect present were installed by Past Supreme Chancellor DAVIS.

Upon investing each with the jewel of his office, the installing officer made brief and appropriate remarks, which were greeted with hearty applause.

Speeches in response to general calls were also made by the newly-installed officers, and by Past Supreme Chancellor DAVIS, the latter making a feeling allusion to the now historic past and to his connection with the Order as an officer of the Supreme Lodge, in continuous service for eight years.

CONCLUSION.

As it was found impossible to conclude all the business, a final session was had on the following day, (Tuesday) the Supreme Lodge assembling at 9 A. M.

The unfinished report on the Endowment Rank was

taken up, its consideration completed, and the majority report adopted.

The legislation concerning the "Uniform Rank" is here passed over, as not of special interest to this jurisdiction.

The whole subject of a new Ritual was referred to a committee, consisting of Past Supreme Chancellors DAVIS and WOODRUFF and Supreme Representative WILLEY, who will report at the next session.

After the passage of the usual formal and complimentary resolutions, the Supreme Lodge reached the final adjournment at 12.30.

Your Representatives beg leave to present the foregoing report, which, although necessarily imperfect, is believed to cover the more important legislation affecting the interests of the Order in New Hampshire.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM E. MOORE,
FRANK E. ROLLINS,
Supreme Representatives.

A true copy, attest:

FRANK J. PILLSBURY,
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

CONDITION OF THE LODGES, JANUARY 1, 1881.

ROSTER OF LODGES.				STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP.								RANK OF MEMBERS.					FINANCIAL STATEMENT.			
NUMBER.	NAME.	LOCATION.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	Number of Members January 1, 1880.	Initiated during the year.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn by Card.	Suspended.	Died.	Total Membership January 1, 1881.	Past Grand Chancellors.	Past Chancellors.	Knights.	Esquires.	Pages.	TOTAL RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURES.	PAID FOR RELIEF.	AMOUNT ON HAND AND INVESTED.
1	Pioneer.	Newmarket.	Thurs.	38	11		2		2		49		19	28		2	256 50	155 99		195 03
2	Swamscott.	Exeter.	Mon.	45	4	1			3		47	1	16	30			355 59	360 28	90 00	47 59
3	Granite.	Manchester.	Mon.	118	5		1	1	*8	1	114	3	21	90			551 11	588 15	145 00	400 54
4	Merrimack.	Manchester.	Fri.	95	1		6		21	2	79	2	18	59			446 37	669 88	285 00	26 56
5	Nashua.	Nashua.	Wed.	69	5		1	1	2	1	71	1	18	49	1	2	342 00	432 02	170 00	76 44
6	Olive Branch.	Dover.	Wed.	138	4		1	3	3		137	2	21	111	2	1	808 10	592 30	198 00	2247 84
7	Rising Sun.	Rochester.	Thurs.	126	6	5	1	2	11	1	124		18	105	1		424 50	520 46	207 00	206 36
8	Concord.	Concord.	Wed.	103	5				3	2	103	3	20	72	4	4	901 50	834 18	230 47	568 95
9	Damon.	Portsmouth.	Tues.	127	5				8	3	121	3	16	101		1	729 72	874 36	387 56	1036 15
10	Pawtuckaway.	Epping.	Tues.	21							21	1	13	7			31 50	42 75		69 39
11	Harmony.	Farmington.	Tues.	131	13		1	1	6		138		13	117	1	7	556 67	527 91	250 00	956 31
12	Oriental.	Suncook.	Wed.	54	2						56		20	34	2		201 15	151 76	33 00	410 62
13	Prospect.	Great Falls.	Wed.	89	3				4		88		17	65	2	4	413 50	431 82	60 00	410 97
14	Myrtle.	Fisherville.	Mon.	22					1	1	20		11	8		1	55 50	66 28	12 00	66 91
17	Hillsborough.	Hillsborough Br.	Mon.	42	5				3		44		10	31	1	2	361 10	232 14		270 53
18	Morning Star.	Milton Mills.	Fri.	42	2			1	5		38		7	30		1	168 00	176 94	63 00	23 86
20	Mt. Belknap.	Laconia.	Mon.	47	5				5		47		6	38	1	2	150 25	196 91	89 50	136 21
				1307	76	6	13	9	85	11	1297	16	264	975	15	27	$6753 06	$6854 13	$2220 53	$7150 26

* Four Pages dropped.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE

Knights of Pythias

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION,
February 2d, 1882.

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CASTLE HALL OF LODGES NOS. 3 AND 4,
MANCHESTER, Feb. 2, 1882, P. P. XVIII.

THE Grand Lodge was called to order by the Grand Chancellor, all the other grand officers being present. The Grand Master-at-Arms made the usual examination, and the Grand Prelate offered a solemn invocation. The opening ode was then sung and the Grand Chancellor declared the Grand Lodge ready for business.

The Grand Chancellor filled vacancies in committees by appointing Past Grand Chancellor Curtis White, of No. 8, in place of Past Grand Chancellor Daniel E. Howard, of No. 8, on Committee on Laws and Supervision, John H. Pingree, of No. 7, in place of Frank H. Daniel, of No. 21, and Larkin B. Moulton, of No. 7, in place of Ira W. Jackman, of No. 17, on Committee on Finance; Eugene P. Nute, of No. 11, in place of Past Grand Chancellor J. Frank Seavey, of No. 6, on Committee on Appeals and Grievances; Albert T. Pickering, of No. 9, in place of Gilman Doeg, of No. 1, on Committee on Credentials and Returns.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal began reading

the records of the last annual session, when, on motion of Past Grand Chancellor Rollins, the further reading was dispensed with; and, upon motion of Past Supreme Chancellor Davis, the records as printed were approved.

A letter from the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, of the Jurisdiction of Maine, expressing his regrets at not being present and his wishes for our success, was read and ordered on file by the Grand Chancellor.

The chairman of the Committee on Credentials and Returns submitted the following report:

MANCHESTER, February 2, 1882.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias:

Your committee have examined the credentials from the several Subordinate Lodges, and find the following to be correct: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 17, 20 and 22. In No. 13 both credentials were signed by the same Chancellor Commander, From No. 18 there were no credentials for the term ending June 30, 1881, and from Nos. 10 and 21 no credentials were received for either term.

We find the following Past Chancellors entitled to seats in this grand body, after being obligated:

No. 1—Frank M. Bunker, George W. Webster.
No. 2—S. J. Dudley, J. D. P. Wingate.
No. 3—R. Willis Flanders, Arthur H. Clifford.
No. 4—Parker H. Houston, Caleb D. Emerson.
No. 5—Amasa Tucker, David M. Rollins.
No. 6—George C. Clark, Frank P. Hayes.
No. 7—Frank P. Woods, Daniel Hussey.
No. 8—George Prescott, Louis L. Mower.
No. 9—Andrew P. Wendall, George A. Trafton.
No. 11—William W. Whitney, Charles M. Armstrong.
No. 12—Martin A. Sawyer, Seth H. Austin.

No. 13—Leslie J. Allen, Frederick Wetherbee.
No. 17—Charles H. Danforth, Joseph H. Potter.
No. 18—Freeman H. Lowd.
No. 20—Frank D. Sanborn, Arthur V. Smith.
No. 22—Jesse O. White, Rufus A. Preble, Jr.

The foregoing report is respectfully submitted.

JOHN P. YOUNG,
FRANK E. ROLLINS,
ALBERT T. PICKERING,
Committee.

After some explanations in regard to the case of the Brothers from Prospect Lodge No. 13, the report was accepted and adopted.

The Grand Master-at-Arms then introduced the following Past Chancellors, who were duly obligated, instructed in the work of that rank, and enrolled as members of the Grand Lodge:

No. 1—Freeman H. Tuttle.

No. 3—Benjamin T. Rounds, R. Willis Flanders, Arthur H. Clifford.

No. 4—Caleb D. Emerson.

No. 5—Amasa Tucker.

No. 6—George C. Clark, Frank P. Hayes, Oliver P. Ricker.

No. 7—Frank P. Woods, Daniel Hussey, Henry H. Cox.

No. 8—Lewis L. Mower.

No. 9—Andrew P. Wendall, George A. Trafton, Hermen Manson.

No. 11—Levi H. Gilson, Laban C. Welch.

No. 12—Seth H. Austin.

No. 13—Moses B. Knights.

No. 17—Charles H. Danforth, Scott S. Miller.
No. 20—Frank D. Sanborn, Arthur V. Smith.
No. 22—Jesse O. White, Rufus A. Preble, Jr.

The credentials of Past Chancellors Tuttle, Rounds, Ricker, Cox, Manson, Gilson, Welch, Knights and Miller, were favorably passed upon at a previous session, constituting them Past Chancellors of record.

Voted, That a recess be taken till half-past two o'clock P. M.

Afternoon Session.

The Grand Lodge was called to order by the Grand Chancellor, at half-past two o'clock, all the grand officers being present.

The Grand Chancellor then presented his annual report, as follows:

GRAND CHANCELLOR'S REPORT.

MANCHESTER, February 2, 1882.
PYTHIAN PERIOD XVIII.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

BRETHREN: Again, and for the twelfth time, we have assembled in our annual convention, for the transaction of such business as may be necessary for the future welfare of our beloved Order in this grand jurisdiction.

In compliance with the requirements of our constitution I herewith submit for your consideration and action the annual report of my official acts, in the capacity of Grand Chancellor, during the time that has elapsed since our last

meeting. I entered upon those duties with some misgivings, lest I should utterly fail, and fearful that under my official keeping our honored Order might retrograde.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

Soon after the close of the last convention of this grand body I forwarded commissions to the following District Deputies:

No. 1—John O. Davis, Newmarket.
No. 2—George W. Staples, Exeter.
No. 3—Charles E. Page, Manchester.
No. 4— " "
No. 5—John F. Benson, Nashua.
No. 6—Henry Landecker, Dover.
No. 7—John B. Kelley, Rochester.
No. 8—George P. Haines, Concord.
No. 9—A. T. Pickering, Portsmouth.
No. 10—Frank E. Bean, Epping.
No. 11—Chas. W. Gray, Farmington.
No. 12—Ellery O. Herrin, Suncook.
No. 13—A. N. Pettengill, Great Falls.
No. 17—I. W. Jackman, Hillsborough Bridge.
No. 18—Amos W. Low, Milton Mills.
No. 20—Curtis H. Watson, Laconia.
No. 21—F. H. Daniel, Franklin Falls.

Each commission was accompanied with the following letter of instructions:

OFFICE OF GRAND CHANCELLOR, JURISDICTION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, Feb. 20, 1881, P. P. XVIII.

To District Deputy Grand Chancellors:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I enclose herewith your commission as District Deputy Grand Chancellor. I hope that you will accept the office and that you will give me your earnest assistance in promoting the welfare of our noble Order throughout this State.

It will be your duty to install the officers of your Lodge or Lodges, in knightly form, or cause the same to be done by competent Brothers, under your authority. It will also be your duty to have the ranks conferred in a proper and knightly manner, and to see that the laws are strictly adhered to and enforced. It will be your duty further to see that the Lodge is opened in due form, at the appointed hour, as there is great virtue in promptness. All questions involved in doubt may be submitted to you for your decision, which in case of controversy will be subject to the approval of the Grand Chancellor or Grand Lodge. The high and honorable position which you hold, as the representative of the authority and prerogative of the Grand

Chancellor, must be properly respected and deferred to. I ask of you that you be careful and cautious in your rulings, and that you make as few arbitrary decisions as possible. Do not be hasty or harsh; deal gently and kindly, but firmly, with faults and errors; attend to every interest of your Lodge, and see that no cause for dissensions or disturbances occur. Should any difficulties arise, of whatever nature, do everything in your power by peaceful and amicable effort to remove them.

Applications for Dispensations must be made to you in writing, and granted — if in your judgment advisable — collecting always the required fee of $1 for each Dispensation granted, and forwarding the amount so collected to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, with the semi-annual report.

All propositions or questions, upon which it is desired to obtain the opinion or decision of the Grand Chancellor, must be over the seal of the Subordinate Lodge, and it must be certified to me that the questions submitted arose in conducting the affairs of the Lodge, and must be signed by the Chancellor Commander and attested by the Keeper of Records and Seal.

Lastly, I ask an occasional report from you, concerning the work and condition of the Lodge or Lodges under your charge, and at the end of the year a full report of your official acts, at least three weeks prior to the next annual session of the Grand Lodge.

Hoping that there will be an increased interest in our chivalric Order, and many new members and Lodges added during the year, I am,

Fraternally yours,

[L. S.] F. W. McKINLEY,

Grand Chancellor.

By the Grand Chancellor,

FRANK J. PILLSBURY,

G. K. of R. and S.

It gives me pleasure to say that the most of these Brothers have complied with my request, and performed the duties assigned them in an acceptable manner. In December I received the resignation of Past Chancellor Charles W. Gray, District Deputy for Harmony Lodge No. 11, he being ill and having gone west for the benefit of his health. His resignation was accepted and I appointed Brother Charles G. Ham in his place.

NEW LODGES.

Both the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and my-

self have been in correspondence with gentlemen in various parts of the State. For the most part this correspondence has been solicited, but no steps have been taken in the direction of instituting new Lodges, except at Newcastle. On the 17th of March last, assisted by Past Grand Chancellor Rufus B. Foss, Grand Vice Chancellor George P. Appleton, Grand Prelate William A. Frye, Grand Master of Exchequer Lorenzo K. Peacock, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Frank J. Piilsbury, Grand Master-at Arms Alonzo T. Pinkham, Grand Inner Guard Frederick G. Evans, and Grand Outer Guard Charles A. Bagley, I instituted Wentworth Lodge No. 22, of Newcastle. This Lodge, for the sake of convenience, was instituted at Portsmouth, Damon Lodge No. 9 lending the use of their paraphernalia on that occasion and giving their individual assistance in every way possible; and I do now tender the thanks of this Grand Lodge to the Brothers of Damon Lodge for their valuable assistance.

There were nearly one hundred Knights present from various Lodges in the State, and also the Grand Chancellor and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of Massachusetts. The three ranks of the Order were conferred on twenty gentlemen, and since that time they have more than doubled their numbers.

I appointed, as District Deputy Past Chancellor, William T. Meloon, and I am pleased to say he has done good work for the Order. I issued a Dispensation, under which they are now working, and would respectfully recommend that a Charter be granted them.

I made them an official visit on October 7th and found they had already fitted up a new hall for their own use, in accordance with the requirements of our Order. The

Grand Lodge loaned them a paraphernalia, which they since decided to keep, and have paid for the same.

DEFUNCT LODGES.

Some correspondence has also been had, by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and myself, with the old members of the Order at Pittsfield, and it was hoped at one time that Norris Lodge No. 16 would be resuscitated, or a new one instituted, but they have failed thus far to take the necessary steps, and there the matter rests. It is but recently that the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal has had very encouraging letters from East Northwood, and I have no doubt that my successor will very soon reclaim the old Lodge or institute a new one at that place.

I would here recommend that after three years all new Lodges instituted take the numbers of those defunct.

VERMONT.

After a fruitless endeavor to open a correspondence with Brothers in Vermont, and upon consultation with our Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, it was decided to address the Supreme Chancellor and see if some arrangement could be made whereby the properties could be collected, without expense to this Grand Lodge. I understand that such an arrangement has been made. You are respectfully referred to the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and have no doubt that the plan agreed upon will be acceptable to this grand body.

PUBLIC DISPLAYS.

The first public occasion, I am pleased to note, was the

public dedication of the Castle Hall, in Manchester, on the 18th of May, 1881. This hall, in which we are to-day assembled, is occupied by Granite Lodge No. 3 and Merrimack Lodge No. 4. I was ably assisted by my associate grand officers, and I must here mention that the address of Brother Dr. W. W. Wilkins was a grand effort, and one that did great credit both to the speaker and the Order. Past Grand Chancellor William E. Moore also spoke in glowing terms of the noble work of the Endowment Rank. I will here add that it commends itself to all, and I am persuaded that all who can should avail themselves of the advantages it offers.

The second occasion was on the 18th of October, 1881, it being a field-day of Granite and Merrimack Lodges. All the Lodges in the Merrimack Valley, the Chancellor Commanders and Vice Chancellors of all the Lodges in the State, the officers of the Grand Lodge, and all visiting Knights in the city were invited to participate; but owing to the celebration at Yorktown and public demonstrations in other places, and in consequence of misunderstandings on the part of those receiving invitations, only two Lodges responded, viz: Concord No. 8 and Hillsborough No. 17. The day was fine, and although the procession was comparatively small, yet I feel that it was beneficial to the Order. I hope the day is not far distant when all the Lodges in the jurisdiction may be gathered together, in full uniform, by the command of some succeeding Grand Chancellor. If other parades have occurred, I must be pardoned for making no mention of them, as no notice of any such has been received.

I am not informed that any deaths have occurred in the membership of this grand body for the past year, but dur-

ing my official term it has been my sad privilege to attend five funerals in different parts of our jurisdiction; and there, amid the blooming flowers of summer, the changing leaves of autumn, and the frosts and snows of winter, white as the emblem of purity, have the mortal remains of these Brothers been laid peacefully to rest.

DECISIONS.

The questions that have been asked I have had no difficulty in answering, from the general laws of the Order, and those laid down in our Constitution or recorded in our Journal of Proceedings.

Question. Charges having been preferred against a Brother, for habitual drunkenness and exposure of person, a Brother summoned to appear at the trial as a witness refused to appear, saying the Lodge could not compel him to appear, neither could they do anything with him in regard to it.

Answer. If the Brother is a relative, or connected with the accused in business, it is his privilege to so state to the committee, and they could consider his objections; but it is his duty to state what he knows in the case, and if he refuses he can be tried for contempt, and if found guilty fined or suspended as the Lodge may determine, the same as for any other cause.

Permission has been asked in two cases to allow maimed persons to be initiated. I have referred the subject to the District Deputy Grand Chancellor in each case, with power to act, they knowing the extent and character of the disability and the merits of the case.

The question was asked, if some arrangement could not be made so that Prospect Lodge No. 13, of Great Falls,

could receive three or four men as members, from Maine, without sending in the names and getting permission from that jurisdiction every time. After correspondence with Grand Chancellor Green, of Maine, it was decided that the resolutions passed by both States must be adhered to, and the Lodge was so informed.

VISITATIONS.

It has been my privilege, in accordance with our Constitution, to visit every Lodge in the State, and I assure you, Brothers, that it gives me great pleasure and satisfaction to be able to report the Order in a flourishing condition. I found, as I made these rapid visits, that thirteen Lodges out of eighteen were at work, and that too at a season of the year (the last of September and the first of October) when it could hardly be expected, and for the most part occupying halls fitted up with great taste, comfort and elegance. I have been received at the firesides of Brothers, in many places, with great cordiality, have been served with collations that deserve the name of banquets, and with other entertainments. I make mention of the above that you may see the love and respect that is felt for the Order, and how zealously the work is being carried on. I have no doubt that the gains in membership will be received by you with thankfulness. For the reports of the growth of the Order and the financial statement I would respectfully refer you to the reports of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and the Grand Master of Exchequer.

I was informed by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal that Harmony Lodge No. 11, of Farmington, had been burned out on the 27th of November. I at once di-

rected him to communicate with them and offer any and all the assistance they might require. I understand they were insured and that their embarrassment was only temporary, such assistance having been given as their immediate wants required.

CONCLUSION.

I have thus given you a statement of my official acts for the past year, imperfect as they are, and trust that they may meet with your approval, having been honestly performed. As I come to the closing page, I shall have ill-performed my duty if I fail at this time to thank my associate grand officers for the assistance they have rendered me in the performance of my duties, especially the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, as he has always stood ready to render every service in his power. And to you, Brothers, as you go to your homes and firesides, and gather around your altar-fires, my thanks are due for the many favors that have been shown me, and for the honor conferred in placing me in this position. May our lives be made better by having been thus associated.

Fraternally yours,

FRANKLIN W. McKINLEY,

Grand Chancellor.

On motion of Past Grand Chancellor Rollins the foregoing report was referred to the Committee on Laws and Supervision.

The annual report of the Grand Reeper of Records and Seal was then read, as follows:

REPORT OF THE G. K. OF R. & S.

MANCHESTER, February 2, 1882.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire.

BROTHERS: My report at this time will be short, for although the year has been a busy one and much labor has been performed, still most of the work has been of a routine character and as such does not call for any especial mention.

NEW LODGES.

On the 17th of March the grand officers had the pleasure of instituting Wentworth Lodge No. 22. The exercises were held in the Castle Hall of Damon Lodge, which was kindly furnished for the occasion. Twenty candidates were initiated, proved and charged, and they have since added twenty-three members. They have fitted up a nice hall, are united and enthusiastic for the Order. I predict a brilliant future for this Lodge.

Considerable correspondence has been had with other parties, looking to the institution of new Lodges or reviving those that are defunct, but thus far without success, although we feel that the future may show that this labor has not been in vain.

In this connection we must remark that the provision in the Grand Lodge Constitution, which was confirmed at

the last session, fixing the price at $15.00 for the three ranks, has a discouraging effect in forming new Lodges, especially at this time, when so many claimants are before the public and offer admission at a smaller sum. It seems to me advisable to amend this article, so that in the case of new Lodges or in reviving those defunct, members may be admitted for $10.00, the minimum prescribed by the Supreme Lodge.

SUPPLIES AND BLANKS.

The two new Lodges formed having purchased the paraphernalia belonging to the Grand Lodge, by the advice of the Grand Chancellor, Grand Master of Exchequer, and other members of this honorable body, I procured the necessary articles to complete a set of paraphernalia sufficient for a Lodge to start with.

I also purchased a set of rituals and jewels, so that we are now prepared for any emergency that may arise. This property is in the hall of Concord Lodge, who have kindly allowed the Grand Lodge property to be stored there without expense.

As there were many calls for blanks for the use of the Subordinate Lodges, I procured a supply of those in common use, and have furnished them to many of the Lodges at a price which somewhat more than covers the expense, and cheaper than the Subordinate Lodges can each procure them. Although this adds considerably to the labors of this office, yet for the sake of securing uniformity it is to be hoped that all the Lodges will procure their blanks in this manner.

DEDICATION OF NEW CASTLE HALL.

On the evening of the 18th of May, the Grand Lodge

officers had the privilege of dedicating the beautiful hall in which we are now assembled. You will, I am sure, congratulate the members of Granite and Merrimack Lodges, on having secured a hall so well adapted to their work.

PUBLISHING PROCEEDINGS.

The Proceedings of the last session were printed and have been in the hands of the members for some time.

During this, as well as during the previous year, much attention has been given to completing the files of Proceedings from other grand jurisdictions. We now have complete sets from twelve or more sister jurisdictions, and we hope that another year will add still more to the number.

Just here I will state that the supply of the Proceedings for the first two years or more is practically exhausted, only some ten or twelve copies remaining. If any Brothers have copies which they do not especially prize, it would be a benefit to the Order if they would send them to the office of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, as that officer is frequently called on to supply copies to other Grand Lodges and to Brothers in our own State.

I would suggest the propriety of this body considering the expediency of causing another edition of them to be printed.

JOURNALS OF DEFUNCT LODGES.

After considerable correspondence I have secured the journals belonging to the defunct Lodges at Claremont and Pittsfield. These records are now and may yet be of still greater value, in determining the status of former members of those Lodges, and I would at this time return

my thanks to Brothers in Milton Mills, in whose possession the books of Norris Lodge were, and to Brother Elias Hurd, of Claremont, for their assistance in the matter.

CIRCULARS.

But three circulars have been issued from this office during the year, one giving the amendment adopted at the last session, one giving the condition of the Order at the close of the term ending June 30, 1881, and one giving notice of this meeting.

DISASTER TO HARMONY LODGE.

On the 26th of November the Brothers of this Lodge were so unfortunate as to have their beautiful and convenient hall destroyed by fire. By direction of the Grand Chancellor, I immediately wrote them, tendering any assistance in the power of the Grand Lodge. They wrote that their charter, rituals, and some of the paraphernalia were burned, but that the insurance would cover the loss. At their request I sent them a set of rituals and such articles of paraphernalia as they needed. For this they owe the Grand Lodge the sum of $37.20, which they will soon pay. You will without doubt grant them a new Charter at this session.

VERMONT MATTERS.

As you are doubtless aware, the Supreme Lodge placed the Lodges in Vermont under the control of this grand jurisdiction. Efforts have been made to revive the interest, but without success. The Grand Chancellor and myself thought that the property there should be taken care of but did not feel that our jurisdiction should be at any

further expense. As you have heard from the report of the Grand Chancellor, the Supreme Chancellor instructed me to go there, collect the property, and hold it subject to his order. I fully intended to have done so before this meeting, but the amount of work consequent upon the beginning of a new year, both in my private business and for the Grand Lodge, has prevented. I hope however to attend to it very soon.

STATISTICS.

In presenting our statistics, it is with satisfaction that we have been so prosperous during the year. In the figures given below No. 10 is not included, as no returns have been received from Pawtuckaway Lodge for the term ending December 31, 1881.

STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP.

Whole number of Lodges, January 1, 1881,	16	
" " " 1, 1882,	18	
A gain of two Lodges.		
Whole number of members, as taken from the returns, January 1, 1881,		1271
To which add:		
Initiated during the year,	183	
Reinstated,	33	
Received by Card,	17	233
		1504
From this total deduct:		
Suspended,	66	
Withdrawn,	25	
Died,	16	107
Total membership January 1, 1882,		1397
Net gain:		126

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Total receipts of Subordinate Lodges, ...	$8442 82
Increase during the year:	2019 96
Total expenditures, ...	8389 09
Increase for the year:	1660 54
Total amount paid for relief, ...	2615 04
Increase over last year:	424 51
Total amount on hand and invested, January 1, 1882,	8709 57
Increase for the year:	1744 22

The following shows the financial transactions of this office for the past year:

RECEIPTS.

Received from per capita tax, ...	$517 60
" Grand Master of Exchequer, . .	402 00
" Supplies, ...	204 22
" Charter and Dispensations, . .	26 00
" Shields and Withdrawal Cards, . .	11 90
Total,	$1151 72

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for Cards and Shields, ...	$10 00
" office expenses, ...	19 11
" postage, express and money orders, . . .	44 49
" printing, ... , . . .	132 00
" Supreme Representative tax, ...	100 00
" Supplies, ...	276 16
Paid Grand Master of Exchequer, ...	579 96
	$1161 72

Brothers, I feel that I may have failed in many particulars, but I have labored faithfully to promote the best interests of the Order, and hope that my acts may meet with your approval.

In closing, I desire to return my heartfelt thanks to all the Brothers for the uniform kindness shown me.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK J. PILLSBURY,

G. K. of R. and S.

On motion of Past Chancellor John W. Saul, the foregoing report was also referred to the Committee on Laws and Supervision.

The Grand Master of Exchequer then presented his report, as follows:

REPORT OF G. M. OF E.

MANCHESTER, Feb. 2, 1882, P. P. XVIII.

To the Officers and Past Chancellors of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

Your Grand Master of Exchequer would ask leave to present his report for the year ending February 2, 1882:

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 3, 1881, Cash in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer,		$711 36
July 31, 1881, Cash received from Frank J. Pillsbury,	250 00	
Nov. 21, 1881 " " "	50 00	
Jan. 18, 1882, " " "	150 00	
Feb. 2, 1882, " " "	129 96	579 96
Making a total of,		$1291 32

DISBURSEMENTS.

Feb. 3, 1881, By cash paid R. B. Foss, bill for services,	87 00	
Feb. 3, 1881, " S. S. Davis and R. B. Foss, expenses to Vermont,	32 50	
Feb. 3, 1881, " F. W. McKinley's bill for services,	5 10	
March, 1, 1881, " F. J. Pillsbury, Sup. Rep. tax and supplies, . .	150 00	
June, 30, 1881, " F. J. Pillsbury, W. E. Moore's bill for printing,	60 00	
July, 9, 1881, " F. J. Pillsbury, balance W. E. Moore's bill of printing,	42 00	
Sept. 5, 1881, " F. J. Pillsbury, to purchase set of Paraphernalia,	150 00	
Feb. 2, 1882, " Paid F. J. Pillsbury, salary,	100 00	
Making total amount paid out,	$626 60	
Balance of cash in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer,		$664 72

The above report is respectfully submitted for your consideration.

Fraternally yours, in F. C. and B.,
L. K. PEACOCK,
Grand Master of Exchequer.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill of Franklin W. McKinley, for expenses while serving as Grand Chancellor, amounting to $91.96, was presented and referred to the same committee.

The Committee on Finance then presented the following report:

MANCHESTER, February 2, 1882.

To the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

The Committee on Finance, having attended to the duties devolving upon them, take pleasure in reporting to this grand body that the accounts of its grand officers, viz., the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and Grand Master of Exchequer, have been carefully examined and that they were found correct, with proper vouchers accompanying the same.

We have also approved the bill of the Grand Chancellor, and would recommend, in view of the fact that he has visited every Lodge in the jurisdiction, that an additional appropriation of twenty-five dollars be made, as part compensation for his faithful and efficient service, and as a token of the appreciation of this Grand Lodge.

W. E. MOORE,
J. H. PINGREE,
L. B. MOULTON,
Committee on Finance.

The report and recommendation were adopted.

The bill of Grand Chancellor F. W. McKinley was then ordered to be paid.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns presented their report, on the returns from Subordinate Lodges, as follows:

MANCHESTER, February 2, 1882.

To the Officers ond Members of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

Your Committee on Credentials and Returns would ask leave to present their report on the semi-annual returns from the several Subordinate Lodges, as follows:

Nos. 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, correct.
Nos. 1, 3, 9, financial part incorrect.
No. 10, first term report correct; no report for second term.
No. 11, financial report incorrect.
No. 12, financial report for June term incorrect; December report correct.
No. 13, footings for June term wrong; December report correct.
No. 19, June report correct; December term financial report incorrect.
No. 10, June financial report incorrect; December term correct.
No. 20, June financial return incorrect; no report for December.
No. 21, June financial return incorrect; December report correct.
No. 22, both reports incorrect.

Your committee would respectfully suggest that the blank forms for semi-annual returns be so changed that the Keepers of Record and Seal of the various Subordinate Lodges may be able to make their reports correct, there being at the present time quite a variety of opinions among the Keepers of Record and Seal as to the manner of filling up the present form, especially the financial part.

We would further suggest that the present form of Past Chancellors' credentials be abolished, and a new form adopted instead.

JOHN P. YOUNG,
FRANK E. ROLLINS,
ALBERT T. PICKERING.
Committee on Credentials and Returns.

The report of the committee was accepted, the recommendations adopted, and a committee consisting of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Past Supreme Chancellor Stilman S. Davis, and Past Grand Chancellor William E. Moore, was appointed to carry the proposed changes into effect.

The Commitfee on Printing stated that they had no report to make and were discharged.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence were given leave to print their report with the Proceedings.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances reported that no cases had been presented to them, and they were discharged.

The Committee on Laws and Supervision presented a report, in regard to by-laws and amendments submitted to them, as follows :

MANCHESTER, February 2, 1882.

To the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire :

The Committee on Laws and Supervision would submit their annual report, relating to by-laws and amendments passed upon since the last annual session of your grand body.

We have examined by-laws and amendments submitted by the following Lodges, making such changes as were deemed necessary to have them conform to our laws :

Hillsborough Lodge, No. 17, Hillsborough Bridge.
Morning Star Lodge, No. 18, Milton Mills.
St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 21, Franklin Falls.
Oriental Lodge, No. 12, Suncook.
Merrimack Lodge, No. 4, Manchester.
Wentworth Lodge, No. 22, Newcastle.
Prospect Lodge, No. 13, Great Falls.
Nashua Lodge, No. 5, Nashua.

We find no very important matters of law to determine, in the by-laws and amendments submitted, therefore we do not enter into the details of changes suggested.

Respectfully submitted,
S. S. DAVIS,
R. B. FOSS,
CURTIS WHITE,
Committee on Laws and Supervision.

Voted to accpt and adopt the report.

Past Chancellor Albert T. Pickering offered a resolution that the next session of the Grand Lodge be held at Portsmouth.

Grand Prelate William A. Frye proposed as an amendment that the session be held in Newmarket.

Voted to lay the subject of the place for the next meeting on the table.

Permission having been given by the Grand Lodge, Past Chancellor Charles B. Nichols, of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 21, was admitted and duly obligated.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of officers, Past Grand Chancellor W. E. Moore, and Past Chancellor Eugene P. Nute acting as tellers, when the following officers were declared elected:

GEORGE P. APPLETON, Suncook, *Grand Chancellor.*
ALONZO T. PINKHAM, Dover, *Grand Vice Chancellor.*
LARKIN B. MOULTON, Rochester, *Grand Prelate.*
CURTIS WHITE, Concord, *Grand Master of Exchequer.*
FRANK J. PILLSBURY, Concord, *Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.*
ALBERT T. PICKERING, Portsmouth, *Grand Master-at-Arms.*
CHARLES A. BAGLEY, Nashua, *Grand Inner Guard.*
WILLIAM H. DIXON, Manchester, *Grand Outer Guard.*

Lorenzo K. Peacock was unanimously re-elected to the office of Grand Master of Exchequer, but declined the honor, and after eulogistic remarks from several of the Brothers his declination was accepted, and Past Grand Chancellor White elected in his stead.

On motion of Past Chancellor Gustave Peyser, the Grand Master-at-Arms was instructed to cast the vote of the Lodge for Frank J. Pillsbury, for Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and having performed that duty Brother Pillsbury was declared elected.

Voted to take a recess till eight o'clock.

Evening Session.

Met according to adjournment.

Past Chancellor C. B. Nichols explained the action of St. Andrew's Lodge, in electing two Past Chancellors, when they were entitled to but one. Remarks were made by Past Supreme Chancellor Davis, Past Grand Chancellors Rollins and Moore, and the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. As it appeared that the Lodge acted under misapprehension, though a misunderstanding of instructions, but in perfect good faith, it was voted to admit both of the Brothers eleeted, to wit: Elias Ayles, Jr., and Charles C. Kenrick.

The following resolution, offered by Past Supreme Chancellor Davis, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be instructed to submit to each Subordinate Lodge in this jurssdiction the question: "Shall the terms of the officers of Subordinate Lodges be changed from six months to one year?" and request each Lodge to vote on this question on or before April 1st, 1882, and report the result of the same to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal immediately after such vote in taken.

The Committee on Laws and Supervision then presented their report on the address of the Grand Chancellor, as follows:

MANCHESTER, February 2, 1882.

To the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

The Committee on Laws and Supervision, to which was referred the report of the Grand Chancellor, would submit the following report:

That so much as relates to the appointment of District Deputy Grand

Chancellors be approved, and we are pleased with the instructions contained in his circular, dated February 20th, 1881, and recommend that this in substance be issued by Grand Chancellors hereafter.

That so much as relates to the institution of Wentworth Lodge No. 22, at Newcastle, be confirmed, and we recommend that a duly authenticated Charter be issued to said Lodge by the grand officers.

Your committee do not feel inclined to recommend the adoption of the suggestion, that after three years the numbers of any defunct Lodge be given to any new Lodge that may be instituted.

We recommend that the first decision be approved with this amendment: Insert after the word "refuses," "to respond to the summons of the Lodge," so it will read, "and if he shall refuse to respond to the summons of the Lodge he may be tried," &c.

We recommend that when applications for dispensations to initiate maimed persons are made to the Grand Chancellor, he shall carefully examine the facts himself and act with caution, and report his action to the Grand Lodge.

We feel that it is important that every effort possible be made by the Grand Lodge officers to revive all the defunct Lodges and to institute new Lodges in places where none exist.

We also recommend that a Charter be granted to Harmony Lodge No. 11, free of charge, the Charter issued at the institution of the Lodge having been destroyed by fire.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. DAVIS,
R. B. FOSS,
CURTIS WHITE,
Committee on Laws and Supervision.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The same committee made a report on the annual report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, as follows:

MANCHESTER, February 2, 1882.

To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

The Committee on Laws and Supervision, to which was referred the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, would respectfully submit the following:

In reference to the reduction of the fees for all the ranks, from fifteen dollars to ten dollars, we would submit the following: That Section 2, Article 5, Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, be amended by adding thereto, "Provided, that at the institution of a new Lodge the Charter members only may be received by paying ten dollars for the three Ranks."

That in the restoring defunct Lodges, the Grand Chancellor shall require the amount charged to each member reinstated at the time the Lodge ceased to exist. Beyond this it may be determined by the Grand Chancellor.

Your committee are of the opinion that the parapheralia belonging to defunct Lodges should be preserved complete as received unless the Grand Lodge shall appropriate the number of such defunct Lodge for some new Lodge, and we recommend that this be made imperative.

So much as relates to a reprint of the minutes of the first sessions of this grand body, we recommend that action be deferred for the present. That when it is done, that a volume of the proceedings be printed that will be permanent, and can be placed in every Lodge.

The financial part of this report having been passed upon by the Committee on Finance, we make no report thereon.

Fraternally submitted,

S. S. DAVIS,
R. B. FOSS,
CURTIS WHITE,
Committee on Laws and Supervision.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The amendment recommended was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

It was voted that the Proceedings of this session be printed as soon as practicable after the close of the present session.

Resolutions, offered by Past Grand Chancellor Rollins, extending the thanks of this grand body to Granite and Merrimack Lodges for use of hall and courtesies shown, to Past Grand Chancellor Lang, for his services in procuring reduced railroad fares, and to Past Grand Chancellor Moore, for securing reduced hotel rates, were adopted.

Voted that the resolution in regard to the place of holding the next session be taken from the table. Said resotion and amendment having been rejected, the next session will be held in Manchester.

Past Supreme Chancellor Davis, assisted by Past Grand Chancellor Foss, as Supreme Prelate, and Past Supreme

Representative Rollins, as Supreme Master-at-Arms, then installed the officers elect, the ceremony being performed in a very impressive manner and with a dignity worthy of the occasion.

A vote of thanks was extended to the retiring grand officers, and also to Brother Davis, for his services as installing officer.

Past Supreme Chancellor Davis replied, in a short and earnest speech, full of counsel and encouragement.

The following resolution was adopted.:

Resolved, That a committee of two members of this Grand Lodge be appointed, whose duty it shall be to visit such towns and cities in this grand jurisdiction as have no Lodges of the Order in their limits, and endeavor to secure suitable lists of names for the formation of Subordinate Lodges therein, when such towns and cities have, in their judgment, a sufficient population to warrant the effort.

(Signed,) W. E. MOORE,
JOHN W. SAUL,
LEVI H. GILSON.

Past Supreme Chancellor Davis offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, which shall report at the next annual session of this grand body the expense of a reprint in bound volumes of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, from its formation to the present time.

The Grand Chancellor appointed as said committee, Past Supreme Chancellor S. S. Davis, Past Grand Chancellor W. E. Moore, and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal F. J. Pillsbury.

The Grand Chancellor also announced the appointment of the following District Deputy Grand Chancellors and members of committees:

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

1. Pioneer, Newmarket, John O. Davis.
2. Swamscott, Exeter, James D. P. Wingate.
3. Granite, Manchester, Robert S. Corey.
4. Merrimack, " "
5. Nashua, Nashua, James H. Hunt.
6. Olive Branch, Dover, Oliver P. Ricker.
7. Rising Sun, Rochester, George H. Webster.
8. Concord, Concord, Daniel B. Newhall.
9. Damon, Portsmouth, Gustave Peyser.
10. Pawtuckaway, Epping, Frank E. Bean.
11. Harmony, Farmington, Charles G. Ham.
12. Oriental, Suncook, Henry M. Hadley.
13. Prospect, Great Falls, Thomas Ritchie.
17. Hillsborough, Hillsboro' Bridge, Daniel S. Roach.
18. Morning Star, Milton Mills, Asa A. Fox.
20. Mt. Belknap, Laconia, Frank W. Truland.
21. St. Andrew's, Franklin Falls, Robert Young.
22. Wentworth, Newcastle, William T. Meloon.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Laws and Supervision.—Stilman S. Davis, of No. 5; John McCauley, of No. 8; Eugene P. Nute, of No. 11.

On Finance.—Albert T. Seavey, of No. 6; Curtis H. Watson, of No. 20; Freeman H. Tuttle, of No. 1.

On Appeals and Grievances.—John B. Kelley, of No. 7; John N. Haines, of No. 13; Charles B. Nichols, of No. 21.

On Credentials and Returns.—John P. Young, of No. 3; Frank E. Rollins, of No. 2; Chas. O. Moulton, of No. 12.

On Printing.—Robert A. Seaver, of No. 4; Edwin D. Coffin, of No. 9; Norman Robbins, of No, 17.

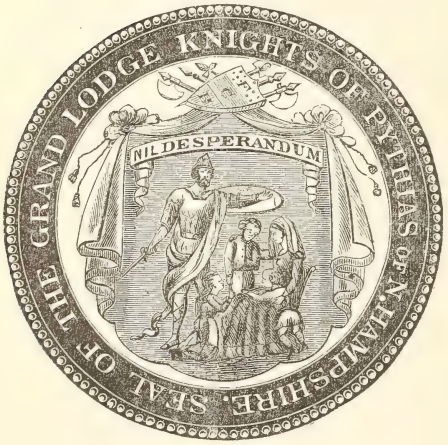
On Foreign Correspondence.—Frank J. Pillsbury, of No. 8; Amos W. Low, of No. 18; Rufus A. Preble, Jr., of No. 22.

The Grand Chancellor asked the privilege of making the appointments to carry out the purpose of Brother Moore's resolution after the close of the session, which was granted.

The business of the session being completed, the Grand Chancellor declared the Grand Lodge closed, to meet in Manchester on the first Thursday in February, 1883, unless sooner called together in special session.

A true record, attest:

FRANK J. PILLSBURY,
G. K. of R. and S.



APPENDIX.

NOTE.

[Vermont Lodge was re-instituted at Rutland, Vt., on the 28th of February, 1882, with a list of about twenty members, J. B. Whitney, Chancellor Commander, Jake Heyman, Keeper of Records and Seal, Harley C. Tuttle, District Deputy Grand Chancellor. The Lodge meets on Saturday evenings.]

REPORT

OF

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Grand Chancellor and Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire:

BROTHERS: Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence present the following review of the several States for your consideration.

ARKANSAS.

The first annual session was held at Little Rock, June 22d, 23d and 24th, 1881.

At 10 o'clock, Supreme Prelate W. Bryce Thompson, assumed the chair and announced to the Knights assembled his purpose and authority to establish a Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias for the jurisdiction of Arkansas.

The grand jurisdiction consists of ten Subordinate Lodges.

The Deputy Supreme Chancellor has in his hands the sum of $48.50, subject to the order of the Grand Lodge.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That no new Lodge within this grand jurisdiction shall be instituted having more than twenty-five charter members.

We wish this Grand Lodge a happy and prosperous experience, as we believe it will have, having faithful officers and members to lay the foundation.

TENNESSEE.

The tenth annual session was held at Nashville, February 8th and 9th, 1881.

The condition of the Order here has rapidly improved within the last few years, both numerically and financially. The membership has increased from 900 the preceding year to 1124 the present year, and the Grand Master of Exchequer reports a handsome sum in the treasury. The treasuries of the Subordinate Lodges are also generally in a much improved condition.

The Grand Chancellor says: "The year has been a quiet one. With the exception of a slight trouble at one point, harmony and brotherly love has prevailed throughout the jurisdiction and the condition of the Order is doubtless better than ever before."

One new Lodge has been instituted at Stanton, Highland No. 27, with twenty-three charter members. The way is also being prepared for the institution of Lodges at several other points.

The Grand Chancellor made the following suggestion: "The propriety of appointing a Grand Lecturer, to harmonize the secret work, perfect the Lodges in the same, and to stir up a greater interest in some of our subordinates. The Grand Chancellor is not always the most competent person for such duties."

The Supreme Representatives reported the adoption of the resolution declining to establish a rank for ladies.

In reference to the Endowment Rank the following

enactment was reported: "Providing for an additional class of members between the ages of fifty and sixty, the endowment to be $1000."

INDIANA.

The thirteenth annual session was held at Indianapolis, January 25th and 26th, 1881.

Seventy-nine Lodges are reported, four having been instituted during the past year. Total membership, 4406.

We notice the following decisions, made by Grand Chancellor James R. Carnahan:

"Can a Lodge, after having granted a Withdrawal Card to a Brother, rescind the order granting the Card on the request of the Brother, or on the motion and vote of the Lodge?

Ans. No. The holder having applied for and the Lodge having granted the Card there can be no rescinding of the action,

If a Brother to whom a Withdrawal Card is granted decline to accept or take the Card, does his connection with the Lodge cease?

Ans. Yes, as soon as the Withdrawal Card is granted, and it makes no difference whether he take his Card or not.

How can a Brother who has taken a Withdrawal Card be re-instated in the Lodge from which he has taken the Card?

Ans. Only by presenting his petition with his Card, and conforming to the by-laws of the Lodge in regard to admission by Card, by paying the fees, etc. He stands in just the same light he would in applying for membership in any other Lodge by Card." (Section 12, Article VIII, Supreme Lodge Constitution.)

The Supreme Chancellor recommended an addition to the general laws, providing that a Knight of a defunct Lodge who has been dropped for non-payment of dues, may be re-instated by the Grand Chancellor and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, on the payment to the Grand Lodge of a a sum equal to one year's dues in his Lodge and one dollar for Card.

The following query was put: "In case a Past Chan-

cellor is suspended from the Order for cause of non-payment of dues, would he be on reinstatement entitled to the honors of Past Chancellor?" This was answered in the affirmative.

The query being put, as to whether a Brother being suspended for non-payment of dues, and after some time has elapsed is reinstated again, becomes a beneficiary before six months elapse, the committee reported that no member who has been suspended for non-payment of dues and reinstated is entitled to benefits for six months from date of reinstatement.

The idea was advanced of granting authority to the Grand Chancellor to select good men, residing in localities where no Lodge exists, and request some Lodge within the jurisdiction to confer the ranks on such persons, charging the fees to the Grand Lodge; provided, however, that the Subordinate Lodge so conferring the ranks shall, on or before the expiration of the term in which the work is done, donate the amount of such fees to the Grand Lodge.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The eleventh annual session convened at Goldsborough, February 8th and 9th, 1881.

In this grand jurisdiction there are eleven Lodges, with a membership of 444, December 2st, 1880, making a total gain of 91 during the year.

John L. Dudley, of Goldsborough, Grand Chancellor, John W. Phillips, of Fayetteville, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

CONNECTICUT.

A special session of the Grand Lodge officers was held

at New Haven, June 6th, 1880, for the purpose of electing a Supreme Representative, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Supreme Representative S. M. Gardner.

The ballot resulted in the eiection of Past Grand Chancellor William H. Williams.

The thirteenth annual session was held at Bridgeport, February 15th, 1881.

The Order here has made but little progress during the past year, no new Lodges having been formed, and one, Calanthe No. 28, has surrendered its charter. Yet some of the Lodges have made a healthy increase, there having been a gain in membership of 62.

George A. Staples, Grand Chancellor; H. O. Case, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

MISSISSIPPI.

The eighth annual convention met at Greenville, May 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th, 1881.

Nine new Lodges have been formed and are at work, making the present number thirty, with a membership of 1587.

We note the following query, addressed to the Grand Chancellor:

"Can any other member than a Past Chancellor be a Representative?

Ans. No! The Representative must be a Past Chancellor, but not necessarily a Past Chancellor IN FULL."

The Grand Chancellor, in speaking of the loose and inartistic habit of many Lodges touching constitutional requirements, as to the mode of applying for dispensations to initiate applicants, says:

"In endeavoring to correct the same I issued my circular of July 15th,

1881. Though some good was accomplished thereby, still I continued to experience the evils complained of, all growing out of inattention and a disposition on the part of Subordinate Lodge officers to do a thing in a haphazard way. So far as was prudent, consistent with the Constitution and laws of the Order, I granted the asked-for dispensations, withholding my approval only in such cases where the defects were too glaring."

Further on he says:

"I was disposed to and did reject the applications of several who had but one arm and of others who had defective eyesight. I applied the prohibition whenever the physical defect was to a degree to prevent the applicant, if a member, from receiving and communicating the symbolic teachings of the Order. * * But, while in St. Louis, in August, as a spectator on the session of the Supreme Lodge, I inquired of the Representatives and members from other grand jurisdictions as to their practice on such applications, and found it to be the almost universal rule to grant the Dispensations whenever the applicants were "capable of making an honest livelihood for themselves and families." Consequently on my return to duty I revoked my former rulings and action in this behalf and proceeded to grant dispensations which had been previously rejected by me."

The Grand Chancellor in his report says that at no time in the history of the Order in that jurisdiction, except possibly the year preceding, has it shown more healthful and vigorous vitality or more emphatic and marked improvement than during the past year.

MAINE.

We have on file at our office, from Maine, a neat pamphlet of 168 pages. The first 36 are taken up with the revised Constitution of the Grand Lodge, as amended May 18th, 1881.

The ninth annual convention assembled at Portland, May 18th, 1881.

There have been four new Lodges established during the past year. All these Lodges started under favorable auspices, and some bid fair to be among the first in the

State. The progress of the Order in this State is indeed most gratifying.

The Grand Chancellor says:

"At no time in the history of our Order in this State has it shown a greater or more satisfactory improvement than during the last four months. Many of our Lodges show a large increase in membership and none show a decline. We feel as though we had strengthened our position and added to the membership of our Lodges."

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence occupies thirty-nine pages of closely printed matter. It shows great care and labor.

There were initiated, during the year 1880, 251; added by card, 13; reinstated, 10. They sustained during the year a loss of 136, by suspension, decease and otherwise, making a net gain of 138. This gives a total membership of 1832 from twenty-four Lodges.

NEW YORK.

The Grand Lodge of New York held its thirteenth annual session, at Utica, July 26th, 27th and 28th, 1881.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal reported a gain in membership of 300, since the last session, from fifteen Lodges.

The receipts from all sources amounted to $3,825.60; the expenditures were $2,329.95, making a net gain of $1,037.98.

The Grand Chancellor says:

"On my return home one year ago my attention was immediately directed to the many defunct Lodges on our roster. I wrote to any one and everyone that I could get track of that had been connected with them, to see if they could not be revived or the effects recovered."

We see the effects of the Grand Chancellor's earnest

efforts in this direction in the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

The following is one of the decisions of the Grand Chancellor:

"Is a Lodge compelled to pay sick benefits when the By-Laws do not call for it?

Ans. Yes. A Lodge must pay at least $1.00 a week."

Grand Chancellor Oliver M. Shedd has fulfilled his obligations in a most satisfactory manner. He has made seventy-five official visits, having visited sixty-six different Lodges.

The report of the Grand Chancellor covers eighteen pages of closely printed matter, giving a detail of his work for the past year, showing true fidelity to his trust.

December 15th the Grand Chancellor received articles of consolidation between Mt. William Lodge No. 105 and Neversink No. 120, and approved the same. Utica City Lodge No. 39, which had been on the verge of dissolution for nearly three years, surrendered its charter.

We heartily coincide with the Grand Chancellor in his recommendation for a board of officers, to consist of the first five officers of the Grand Lodge, to whom shall be referred all questions that may affect the good and welfare of the Order, suspension of a Lodge, application for charters, dispensations, etc. "Such a board," says the Grand Chancellor, "will in my opinion be of great value and assistance to the Grand Chancellor, and will relieve him of the charge of using one-man power."

We congratulate our brethren of the Empire State upon their bright and promising future.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence present a thorough report of twenty-four Grand Lodges.

OHIO.

The twelfth annual session was held at Akron, Tuesday, May 24th, 1881.

After the Grand Lodge was regularly opened for the transaction of business, Past Grand Chancellor Williamson, on behalf of the Knights of Akron, invited the Grand Lodge to participate in the grand parade of uniformed Knights, which invitation was accepted. This parade was a grand success, and was followed by a prize drill, which was also witnessed by the officers and members of the grand body.

During Grand Chancellor C. D. Idding's term seven new Lodges have been instituted, with an increase in membership of 549. This makes a total of 112 Lodges, with a membersnip of 6628.

We receive very encouraging reports from this grand jurisdiction. The Grand Chancellor, in concluding his report, says:

"The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal will show you that this year has been one ot universal prosperity to our Order. A large amount of work has been done, several Lodges have nearly doubled their membership, while others have been awakened and have gone to work again with renewed energy. The prospects for several new Lodges are excellent, and they will no doubt be instituted during the next few months."

C. D. Iddings, Grand Chancellor; Joseph Dowdall, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

IOWA.

The twelfth annual session was held at Davenport, February 8th and 9th, 1881.

Neither the Grand Chancellor nor the Grand Vice Chan-

cellor were present at the session. W. M. Glenny, Grand Chancellor *pro tem.*, appointed Past Grand Chancellor John Van Valkenburg as Past Grand Chancellor *pro tem.*, and E. C. Hurlbut as Grand Vice Chancellor *pro tem.*

Representatives from twenty-five Lodges responded to roll-call.

Since the last session five new Lodges have been added to the grand roster and seven defunct Lodges have been revived.

Representative Wheeler offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Mayor Rose and Past Grand Chancellor Glenny be requested to furnish the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal with a copy of their addresses at the banquet, to publish with the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

CALIFORNIA.

The thirteenth annual session of the Grand Lodge was held at San Francisco, commencing February 8th and ending Feb. 11th, 1881.

Three new Lodges have been instituted during the past year. They all start out with most brilliant prospects for the future.

The Grand Chancellor has visited during the past year every Lodge but four in his jurisdiction. To quote from his report:

"I entirely agree with my predecessor in his estimate of the value of official visitations, and cannot better express my sentiments than by quoting his language:

'In this connection I cannot refrain from calling attention to the benefit to be derived from official visits of Grand Lodge officers to the Subordinate Lodges, and suggesting that at the earliest possible moment, when it can be done without entailing too great an expense upon the Grand Lodge, we

should provide a contingent fund sufficient to enable the Grand Chancellor, or some other officer designated for that purpose, to visit all the Subordinate Lodges in the jurisdiction at least once a year.'"

The following decisions come under our notice:

1 "A District Deputy Grand Chancellor is not authorized to give a dispensation allowing a Lodge to give a ball, pic-nic or other celebration in the name of the Order, or to participate in any parade."

2 "A Brother who pays fines, dues or assesments, is entitled to an official receipt, bearing the name of his Lodge, for the money paid. The Master of Finance is not authorized to use the Seal of the Lodge, but it is the duty of the Keeper of Records and Seal to impress the Seal on official receipts when requested to do so by the Master of Finance."

At the close of the session, Past Grand Chancellor Blackmer, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, presented the retiring Grand Chancellor, S. L. Terry, with a beautifully carved gold-headed cane.

The present membership is 3,653, an increase of 422 over last year.

Three new Lodges have been instituted during the past year and one, Mammoth No. 56, has surrendered its charter. There are now fifty Lodges in a good working condition.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Grand Lodge assembled in its twelfth annual session, in New Era Hall, Boston, February 9th, 1881, and was called to order by the Grand Chancellor, Horace W. Wilson.

Upon calling the roll there were found to be present Representatives from thirty-six Lodges.

The Grand Chancellor has been untiring in his efforts to advance the good of the Order in this State. He has

visited officially nearly every Lodge in his jurisdiction. He laid particular stress on the importance of great care in selecting material for membership, thus laying a firm foundation, so that our Pythian Temple may not be shaken or overturned.

One new Lodge has been added to the list during the past year. The present number of Lodges is 45, with a membership of 3373.

Among other committees we are glad to notice one on Foreign Correspondence. The grand body remained in session one day only.

RHODE ISLAND.

The tenth annual session was held at Providence, February 8th, 1881.

Opposite the title page is a lithograph of the Grand Chancellor, William A. Wilson, under whose jurisdiction the condition of the Order has greatly improved. It had, for the past six or seven years, been steadily losing ground. But we gain courage from the Grand Chancellor's report. He says:

> "The Order is again progressing, but we must still keep bravely to work. We must do the utmost to keep up the interest which now prevails among the members of the Subordinate Lodges."

The number of Lodges, December 1st, 1880, was ten; membership, 580.

A. O. Rockwell, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

MICHIGAN.

The ninth annual session was held at Saginaw City, July 26th and 27th, 1881.

Representatives were present from twenty-three Subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Chancellor announced the resignation and removal from the jurisdiction of Brother James Mitchell, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and that he had commissioned Past Chancellor George S. Lyon to fill the vacancy. He then yielded the gavel to the senior Past Grand Chancellor, C. D. Little, and requested him to proceed to install Past Chancellor Lyon as Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, which was done. That officer was conducted to his station, and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

The Grand Chancellor, Henry R. Lovell, has abounded in good works during the past year. He has visited all the Lodges but two, urging upon delinquent members the duty of renewing their life.

We learn from the faithful report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal that there have been three Lodges organized since the last session.

Three Lodges failing to report at the previous session have not been heard from since and are omitted from the present roster.

The finances of the Grand Lodge are gradually approaching a healthy condition.

The total number of Lodges is twenty-three, with a membership of 1016.

NEW JERSEY.

The Grand Lodge held its fourteenth annual session, at Trenton, February 16th and 17th, 1881.

Representatives were present from eighty-six Lodges.

The Grand Chancellor recommends the appointment of a Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

In speaking of the state of the Order he says:

"You will see by reference to the reports of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and Grand Master of Exchequer, that our Order for the past year shows a degree of prosperity, both numerically and financially, unequalled by any similar organization in the State."

The following communication from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was read, and on motion referred to a special committee, to report at the next session of the Grand Lodge:

"Brethren, in compliance with resolutions adopted at the last session of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, you are fraternally requested to co-operate with this Grand Lodge in our endeavor to use legitimate means towards reducing seeming extravagance of the Supreme Lodge. The Subordinate Lodges number eighty-six, the membership 5543. During the year two Lodges have ceased to exist, and one new one has been instituted."

ONTARIO.

The Knights of Pythias of Ontario held their tenth annual session, at Toronto, June 14th and 15th, 1881.

Representatives were present from five Lodges.

One new Lodge has been instituted at St. Catharines, to be known as Chartley Lodge No. 20.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal begins his report in the following words:

"The Order in this jurisdiction during the past three years has been in anything but a flourishing condition, and it has been a question whether or not it was going to survive. We meet to-day, however, to see ourselves nearly entering upon a second decade; and I trust that this our tenth session will be marked as the commencement of a fresh and vigorous growth."

He speaks of the trying ordeal through which the Order

there has had to pass, on account of the great commercial depression. But now, as the general business prospects of the country seem to improve, he hopes that the Order will also improve and push ahead.

During the past year two Lodges have amalgamated, and one has ceased to exist.

The financial standing of the Lodges shows an improvement over last year. They show an increase of $106.25, while the expenses are $1597.82 under the disbursements of the previous year.

There are in all nine Subordinate Lodges, with a membership of 486.

John H. Lumsden, Grand Chancellor; Geo. H. Mitchell, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

KENTUCKY.

The thirteenth annual convention met at Maysville, September 20th, 1881.

The Grand Chancellor, Ben. W. Morris, presented a careful review of his labors in connection with the Order in that jurisdiction.

He makes the following decision:

"Is it legal to elect a Knight to the position of Past Chancellor, on the re-election of the Chancellor Commander?

Ans. No. None but a Past Chancellor can be elected to fill the chair of Past Chancellor."

The Order in this State appears to be in an excellent condition, and from every quarter come news of harmony and activity in the work.

During the past year there has been added to the list one new Lodge, Trout No. 47, located at Bedzord, and

one, Excelsior No. 12, has consolidated with Daniel Boone No. 2, making the sum total of Lodges in this jurisdiction the same as last year.

The present membership is 1744, divided among thirty Lodges.

Contained in a circular to sister grand jurisdictions, relative to alleged extravagance of the Supreme Lodge, are the following resolutions :

Resolved, That our Supreme Representatives be instructed to use all legitimate means in their power, looking towards a reduction of the expenses of the Supreme Lodge.

Resolved, That our Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be instructed to communicate with other grand jurisdictions of Knights of Pythias, requesting them to co-operate with us.

After an interesting session of two days the grand body adjourned.

Charles F. Minott, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania assembled in annual session, at Reading, August 16th, 1881.

Two hundred Representatives responded to the calling of the roll.

We receive cheering news from this quarter in the report of the Grand Chancellor. In regard to the membership he says that it stands higher and is composed of better material than at any time since the organization of the Order.

The brotherhood has increased during the past year to a greater extent than it has for years past, both numeri cally and financially.

The present number of Lodges is 348, with a membership of 29,406.

The amount paid for relief was $124,877.04.

Grand Chancellor John B. Merritt has shown his fidelity to the Order by his faithful and diligent efforts for the advancement of its interests.

The journal of the proceedings of this grand body is a pamphlet of over 200 pages.

George Hawkes, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Grand Lodge held a special session, November 22d, 1880.

The object of this meeting was to consider the feasibility of celebrating in some suitable manner the anniversary of the institution of the Order of Knights of Pythias, February 19th.

It was voted that the Grand Lodge and Knights of the jurisdiction celebrate the eighteenth anniversary of the origin of the Order of Knights of Pythias. A committee of five was appointed to present a plan in conformity to the resolution passed.

The semi-annual session was held at Washington, January 23d, 1881.

Two years ago the Grand Lodge was in an embarrassed condition, financially, so much so that it became necessary in order to retain its organization to adopt some measures looking to its relief. They issued bonds of thirty dollars each, with a guarantee for their payment within two years. This plan worked so well that they are now prepared to pay all their outstanding indebtedness.

The condition of the Order here has improved of late, notwithstanding they sustained a loss of thirty-three members during the last six months.

The present membership is 1122. The amount disbursed for relief was $2,562.63.

James E. Mitchell, Grand Chancellor; Richard Goodhart, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

LOUISIANA.

The first annual session of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana was held at New Orleans, May 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th, 1881.

The rapid and substantial growth of the Order in this State has been very marked.

Two years ago Pythianism was but an infant in this State, included within three Subordinate Lodges. To-day there are twenty-one Lodges in good standing, with a membership of 926.

The Grand Chancellor, John J. Scott, has during the past year been very efficient in his efforts for the advancement of the Order. His labor for the year has been arduous, requiring much time and attention.

The total amount paid for relief during the year was $1,183.22. Cash balance on hand, $620.11.

Herman Jacobs, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

NEBRASKA.

The Grand Lodge of Nebraska convened in their sixteenth annual session, at Nebraska City, October 24th, 1880. Representatives were present from nine Subordinate Lodges.

We have great reason for encouragement from the Grand Chancellor's report. He says:

"We meet to-day under favorable auspices, without fear or depression of spirits, fully believing that the day of despondency has passed and a brighter and more prosperous future dawns upon us, and already sheds its brilliant light over this grand jurisdiction."

The history of the Order this year has not been characterized by any notable events, the Order partaking of the general prosperity which pervades the nation.

Two Lodges, Nos. 3 and 21, have during the past year forfeited their standing with the Grand Lodge.

Two new Lodges, West Point and Humboldt, have been formed, with a membership of 30 and 14 respectively. They show signs of healthy and vigorous action. Inquiries have also come from other localities, and prospects are frvorable for the organization of a number of new Lodges.

The present number of Subordinate Lodges is thirteen, with a total membership of 432.

The entire indebtedness of the Grand Lodge amounts to but $53.10, and it has cash in the exchequer to the amount of $140.86.

W. R. Spickwall, Grand Chancellor; E. E. French, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

DELAWARE.

The Grand Lodge of Delaware met in the thirteenth annnul session, at New Castle, October 26th, 1881.

The reports, as regards gain of membership, are not very encouraging.

We fail to find mention of the formation of any new Lodges. The membership last year was 1082, the present membership 1087, and the number of Lodges 16.

After an interesting session the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at Wilmington, on the fourth Wednesday of October, 1882.

S. G. Willey, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

NEVADA.

The ninth annual session was holden in Virginia City, August 8th and 9th, 1881.

Grand Chancellor J. J. Cooper reports that notwithstanding an unprecedented financial depression, that has prevented many worthy persons from applying for admission and caused many names to be dropped from the rolls, the Order is increasing and has taken a firm hold upon the mind of the masses, and the better classes are coming into the Order.

One new Lodge has been instituted, Lion Lodge No. 12, at Daton, October 15th, 1880.

Soon after the last session of the Grand Lodge the idea of an excursion of the Knights of Nevada to San Francisco was projected, on the occasion of the annual session of the Grand Lodge of California, and an excursion committee appointed. On the day set a train of eight cars, containing some four hundred Knights and their families, started from Reno. A banquet was given at midnight, after their arrival, which was all that could be desired in that line. After a pleasant stop of several days the excursion party left San Francisco February 14th.

Present number of Lodges 10, membership 544. Balance of cash on hand $9,438.83, in the treasuries of Subordinate Lodges.

P. H. Mulcahey, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

KANSAS.

The Grand Lodge of Kansas held its tenth annual session at Topeka, May 17th and 18th, 1881.

After the usual routine of business, the Grand Chancellor presented an encouraging report. He announced the organization of eleven new Lodges of the Order since the previous annual session. The increase in membership by the institution of these Lodges is about four hundred.

It is stated in the report, "This grand jurisdiction is blessed with an able-bodied and intrepid Committee on Foreign Correspondence." Brother Bartlett, Past Supreme Representative, is chairman of this undaunted body and he seems exceedingly outspoken, not to say severe, in his criticisms on the management of affairs in the various grand jurisdictions. He says of New Hampshire: "A careful perusal of the record fails to show anything of general interest, except that Supreme Chancellor Woodruff was able to be present at the convention." But we find consolation in the old truism, "As many men so many minds."

The present number of Lodges is 37, with an approximate membership of 1387.

MARYLAND.

We have on file the proceedings of the thirteenth annual session, held in 1881, but before writing our report we received the journal of 1882, from which principally we make our report.

The thirteenth annual session was held at Baltimore,

February 8th, 9th and 10th, 1881. Seventy-one Lodges were represented at this session.

Grand Vice Chancellor G. F. Ruff, acting Grand Chancellor, presented a report that shows a faithful year's labor on his part.

One new Lodge was added during the year.

The fourteenth annual session was held at Baltimore, February 14th, 15th and 16th, 1882.

The journal of this session is quite an extensive document, to which is prefixed the reports of grand officers and committees for June term, 1881.

Representatives from seventy-five Subordinate Lodges responded to roll-call.

The Grand Chancellor, G. Fred. Ruff, presents an interesting report. He says:

"It affords me great pleasure to report to you that the condition of our Order in this jurisdiction is good. It is stronger in membership and richer in finances than was reported to you one year ago. Three new Lodges have been instituted since our last annual session."

The lady friends of the Order have, during the past year, got up a fair, with great success, the proceeds of which were to go towards defraying the expenses of a new Castle Hall. At the close they passed over to the Grand Master of Exchequer $9344.39, that being the surplus after deducting expenses. The Castle Hall was dedicated on Thanksgiving Day, November 24th.

The present membership is 6456, a gain of 63 over last year's report.

James Whitehouse, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

ILLINOIS.

The twelfth annual convention assembled at Springfield, October 18th, 1881.

Representatives were present from twenty-two Subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Chancellor gives us an encouraging report. A debt of $1899.88 was paid by levying a per capita tax of 75 cents semi-annually. He says that all the Subordinate Lodges are in a healthy, growing condition.

Five new Lodges have been added to this grand jurisdiction during the past year.

Of the Endowment Rank the Grand Chancellor says:

> "It affords me great pleasure to be able to state that the Endowment Rank has lost none of its popularity with the brethren. It is, I think, within the power of the Supreme Lodge to make it more popular by still further simplifying it. * * * The Endowment Rank is a noble institution, and it has done and is doing a great work."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence present a faithful report of twenty-two grand jurisdictions.

The Grand Lodge was in session four days.

George W. Heraman, Grand Chancellor; Henry P. Caldwell, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

MISSOURI.

The eleventh annual session was held at Sedalia, October 18th, 19th and 20th, 1881.

Representatives were present from thirty Lodges.

Grand Chancellor Frank P. Wiley gives us encouraging reports of the work here. He says:

"During the past year in this jurisdiction we have received at the Pythian Altar, in full membership, one thousand twenty-five valiant Knights, have reorganized three, and instituted five new Lodges, and have several other applications for others."

Five Lodges have become defunct during the year.

The finances are certainly in an excellent condition. There is in the hands of the Grand Master of Exchequer the sum of $3500, and many of the Subordinate Lodges have large funds in their treasuries.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence gives us a careful review of the several grand jurisdictions.

In our last year's report, in the confusion of the moment and purely by accident, we omitted to notice this jurisdiction.

CONCLUSION.

We have endeavored to notice all the Proceedings that have come to our hands, and if any have been overlooked we trust that the Grand Keepers of Record and Seal will forgive us, as it was not our intention to pass a single one by unnoticed.

FRANK J. PILLSBURY,
For the Committee.

PROCLAMATION.

OFFICE OF THE

Grand Chancellor Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire.

SUNCOOK, N. H., APRIL 22d, 1882.

To all Subordinate Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire:

OFFICE OF THE SUPREME CHANCELLOR, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS OF THE WORLD.

BALTIMORE, MD., April 15, 1882, P. P. XIX.

Supreme Representatives and Members of the Order wherever existing:

It is with heartfelt sorrow and feelings of deepest regret that the Supreme Chancellor is called upon to announce the decease of our beloved and honored BROTHER JOSEPH DOWDALL, OF OHIO, late *Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal*, who departed this life at his home in Columbus, Ohio, on the morning of April 7th, inst., after an illness of several weeks, which he bore with resignation to the Divine will of an All Wise Providence, whose mandate has called him hence, in the midst of a career of usefulness and honor. His place in our Councils is vacant; he will be known no more, forever, among those who loved him so well and fondly as a friend, companion, and brother. He has gone from our midst at a time when his loss will be deeply felt, and we, his brethren, may well mingle our tears with those of his bereaved family, and condole with them in this, the hour of our common bereavement.

Brother Dowdall's superior capacity and adaptability to the office of Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, have been best shown in the perfect performance of every duty—and did much to establish the Order of Knights of Pythias on its present firm basis.

He assumed the duties of his office at a time when the clouds of doubt and uncertainty as to its future hung darkly and heavily over the horizon of our then struggling Order, and by boldly grappling with the difficulties which beset it, he forced them to succumb to his energy and zeal.

His complete knowledge of the Order and its requirements enabled him to act at all times with unerring judgment as to its best interests, and no duty was too arduous, no task too difficult of performance, when the Order of Knights of Pythias required his services. In Council he was wise, in

action prompt—vigorous—and efficient,—while in good works he was ever among the foremost.

As the world knew him, he was a man of modest, courteous demeanor, and from his genial countenance there beamed the light of a true nobility of soul; as a friend, he was true and faithful; as a brother,

> "*None knew him but to love him,*
> *None named him but to praise.*"

Such a man was Joseph Dowdall, but it needs no word of mine to remind you of the virtues of our departed brother,

> "*We knew him well, no need of praise*
> *To light to brighter paths and ways.*"

Passing from his earthly sphere of action, he has entered upon his eternal rest, leaving behind an untarnished name, and a shield of honor blotted only by the tears af his sorrowing brethren. He now sleeps the sleep which knows no waking save in eternity, but his memory will be cherished wherever the Order of Knights of Pythias dispenses its beneficence to the unfortunate, and shields the Widow and Orphan from misery and woe.

At this time, when all feel so deeply the loss sustained by the Order, in the demise of our late beloved brother, it is not fitting that I should intrude my private grief; but I may be allowed to mingle my sorrow with that of my brethren, and testify to his worth in my acquaintance and official intercourse with him. I knew him as a man whose walk in life was upright, his actions toward his fellow man, just and true. He was generous to a fault, courteous and kind, and his hand ever ready to respond to the promptings of a generous nature. My official intercourse with Brother Dowdall was always of the most pleasant character, and I cannot recall a single incident, during the whole time of official connection, that would approach unpleasantness. During the remainder of my term of office I shall sadly miss his kind assistance and wise counsel; but, bowing in submission to the decree of the All Wise Ruler of the Universe, we must all bear our burden of sorrow, believing that our Brother's passage to the tomb is but an entrance to the eternal rest prepared for the "Pure in heart."

While we cherish his memory may we emulate his good works, and follow his example as that of a true and faithful Knight of Pythias.

Brother Dowdall was interred in Green Lawn Cemetery, at Columbus, Ohio, on Sunday, April 9th, inst. His remains were followed by a large concourse of sorrowing friends, including members of all the societies of which he was a member.

Fraternally,

GEORGE W. LINDSAY,

Supreme Chancellor.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE P. APPLETON, Grand Chancellor of New Hampshire, in accordance with the above suggestion of Supreme Chan-

cellor LINDSAY, and of my own sense of the loss which our Order has sustained in the death of Bro. DOWDALL, a man who was true to the high principles of our Order, one who, in the darkest hour of our history, did much to save us from impending ruin, do most earnestly request all the Lodges in this Jurisdiction to drape their charters in mourning for the space of sixty days, and to observe such other ceremonies as shall show to those who remain that we appreciate the labors and efforts of those whose works will speak long after their dust is mingled with kindred dust.

GEO. P. APPLETON,
Grand Chancellor.

ATTEST:

FRANK J. PILLSBURY,
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

OFFICE OF THE

Grand Chancellor, Knights of Pythias,

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Suncook, N. H., May 15, 1882.

To the Members of the Order:

BROTHERS: It is with feelings of deep sadness that we have to announce the decease of another of the Supreme Lodge officers. This time the grim messenger has taken the Supreme Prelate, REV. WM. BRYCE THOMPSON, of Tennessee, who died at Mobile, Alabama, on the 23d of April.

The Grand Chancellor feels that it is fitting that some tribute of respect should be rendered to those whose untiring labor has done so much for the good of the Order.

Our departed Brother for a long time held the office of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, of Tennessee, and it is not too much to say that to him more than to any other person is our Order in that State indebted for its existence and present prosperity.

As these repeated inflictions come upon us, and those have borne the burden and heat of the day are called to their reward, let us cherish their memory; let us emulate their virtues, and may their example incite us who remain to labor more earnestly while we may to diffuse the principles of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence.

Fraternally,

GEO. P. APPLETON,

Grand Chancellor.

ATTEST:

FRANK J. PILLSBURY,

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT,

SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE ORDER IN NEW HAMPSHIRE,

JANUARY 1, 1882.

NAME.	LOCATION.	Night of Meeting.	Initiated during the Term.	Reinstated.	Admitted by Card.	Suspended.	Withdrawn by Card.	Died.	Total Membership Jan. 1, 1882.	Balance on Hand at close of previous year.	Received from Initiations and Ranks.	Received from Dues.	From other sources.	TOTAL RECEIPTS.	Relief of all kinds.	Grand Lodge tax paid.	Paid for Supplies.	Current Expenses.	TOTAL EXPENSES.	Balance on Hand at close of year.
Pioneer.	Newmarket.	Thurs.	1		5			1	50	195 03	25 00	139 50	28 75	388 28		19 20		113 30	132 50	255 78
Swamscott.	Exeter.	Mon.		6	1	5	2	2	40	47 59		177 00	70 00	294 59	30 00	18 60	11 00	188 83	248 43	46 16
Granite.	Manchester.	Mon.	7	10	1	13	2	2	119	400 54	162 00	470 25	15 74	1048 53	280 00	45 40	35 52	309 65	670 57	377 96
Merrimack.	Manchester.	Fri.	1	4		6	1	3	74	26 56	20 00	450 00	11 31	507 87	194 00	31 60		262 08	487 68	20 19
Nashua,	Nashua.	Wed.	25	1	2		3	3	90	76 44	320 00	399 00	260 77	1056 21	145 00	28 00	332 88	293 85	799 73	256 42
Olive Branch.	Dover.	Wed.	5	5	1	8		1	139	2247 84	95 00	482 00	242 19	3067 03	353 00	53 80	47 20	287 00	741 00	2326 03
Rising Sun.	Rochester.	Thurs.	10	2	11	7	3	1	119	243 11	155 00	381 67	54 12	833 90	288 36	46 40		223 76	558 52	275 38
Concord.	Concord.	Wed.	5	1	1		3		110	568 95	130 00	483 10	363 50	1545 55	48 95	39 80	116 20	409 16	614 11	931 44
Damon.	Portsmouth.	Tues.	1			6	1		121	1035 15	20 00	568 25	363 60	1987 00	318 83	49 40	5 00	362 96	736 19	1250 81
Pawtuckaway.	Epping.	Tues.				5	1	1	14	36 96		21 00	2 00	59 96		4 00		36 00	40 00	19 96
Harmony.	Farmington.	Tues.	11	3		9	1		144	1172 14	180 00	504 97	139 28	1996 39	462 30	53 00		313 21	828 51	1167 88
Oriental.	Suncook.	Thurs.	1				8	2	47	392 62	20 00	105 00	49 96	567 58	6 00	19 80	4 50	151 00	181 30	386 28
Prospect.	Great Falls.	Wed.	2			1			80	410 97	45 00	330 81	225 50	1012 28	275 10	32 40	5 00	278 35	590 85	421 43
Hillsborough.	Hillsborough Bridge.	Mon.	3	1		1			46	270 53	40 00	133 75	122 25	566 53	87 00	16 60		233 10	336 70	229 83
Morning Star.	Milton Mills.	Fri.	16						57	23 36	190 00	96 25	18 00	327 61	58 00	15 00	5 12	101 61	179 73	147 88
Mt. Belknap.	Laconia.	Mon.	21						68	136 21	230 00	117 75		483 96	47 00	21 60		127 50	196 10	287 86
*St. Andrews.	Franklin Falls.	Tues.	35						35		390 00	109 67		499 67		5 80	190 56	231 64	428 00	71 67
†Wentworth.	Newcastle.	Fri.	43						43		345 00	105 00	388 88	838 88	28 50	8 60	176 20	494 01	707 31	131 57
			187	33	17	66	25	16	1396	$7284 00	$2367 00	$5074 97	$2355 85	$17081 82	$2622 04	509 00	929 18	4417 01	$8477 23	$8604 53

*Instituted January 10, 1881. †Instituted March 17, 1881.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE

OF

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

OF THE

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,

AT THE

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION, FEB. 1ST. 1883. P. P. XIX.
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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

Pythian Hall, Manchester, N. H.,
February 1st, 1883, P. P. XIX.

THE GRAND LODGE was called to order by the Grand Chancellor.

As the Grand Master-at-Arms was absent, Past Chancellor Amos Chattle, of No. 20, was appointed to fill the vacancy.

After the usual opening ceremonies, the Grand Lodge was declared open and ready for business.

The Grand Chancellor filled vacancies in committees by appointing Past Chancellor F. D. Woodbury, of No. 8, in place of Past Chancellor A. F. Seavey, of No. 6, and Past Chancellor Frank E. Bean, of No. 10, in place of Past Chancellor F. H. Tuttle, of No. 1, on Committee on Finance; Past Chancellor Chas. H. Curtis, of No. 11, in place of Past Chancellor Chas. O. Moulton, of No. 12, on Committee on Credentials and Returns.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal J. F. Chute, of the Grand Jurisdiction of Maine, was announced, and Past Grand Chancellors J. Frank Seavey and Charles M. Lang were appointed a committee to introduce him to the grand body, which duty was gracefully performed.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal began reading the records of the last annual session, when, on motion of Past Grand Chancellor Foss, the further reading was dispensed with, and the records as printed were approved.

The chairman of the Committee on Credentials and Returns submitted the following report:

MANCHESTER, February 1st, 1883.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

Your committee have examined the credentials from the several Subordinate Lodges and find the following members entitled to seats in this grand body, after being obligated:

No. 1, Pioneer—W. H. Gibson, John A. Langley.
" 2, Swamscott—O. T. Buttrick, W. P. Weeks.
" 3, Granite—John A. Adams, Luther S. Proctor.
" 4, Merrimack—A. D. Maxwell, James M. Philbrick.
" 5, Nashua—George W. Palmer, Leroy J. French.
" 6, Olive Branch—James E. Godfrey, Joseph E. Porter.
" 7, Rising Sun—John W. Thompson, John W. Meserve.
" 8, Concord—George B. Farley, Charles G. Sherburne.
" 9, Damon—Ernest S. Johnson, Francis R. Johnson, Jas. F. Bean.
" 10, Pawtuckaway—William R. Bunker.
" 11, Harmony—Charles H. Brown, John H. Gray.
" 12, Oriental—Samuel S. Dixon, Edwin F. Badger.
" 13, Prospect—George A. Swain, Edwin A. Cram.
" 17, Hillsborough—Harry L. Brickett, Willis G. Buxton.
" 18, Morning Star—None.
" 20, Mt. Belknap—William F. Chase, J. F. Sanborn.
" 21, St. Andrew's—James K. Floyd, Thurston O. Calley.
" 22, Wentworth—S. F. Wells, S. H. Harding.

VERMONT.

No. 1, Vermont—C. W. Safford, J. B. Whitney, G. J. Wadsworth, W. L. Ferguson, H. C. Tuttle, S. E. Burnham, W. C. Landon, J. C. Dunn, Charles Clark.

No credentials were received for either term from Morning Star Lodge, No. 18.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. YOUNG,
FRANK E. ROLLINS,
CHAS. H. CURTIS,
Committee.

The foregoing report was adopted.

The Grand Master-at-Arms then introduced the following Past Chancellors, who were duly obligated, instructed in the work of that rank, and enrolled as members of the Grand Lodge:

No. 1—Robert J. Mitchell, passed upon in 1880.
" 2—O. T. Butrick.
" 3—John A. Adams, Luther S. Proctor.
" 4—Alfred D. Maxwell, James M. Philbrick.
" 5—George W. Palmer, Leroy J. French, David M. Rollins. The credentials of Past Chancellor Rollins passed upon in 1882.
" 6—Edward L. Currier, passed upon in 1881.
" 8—George B. Farley, George Prescott. Prescott passed upon in 1882.
" 9—Ernest S. Johnson, Francis R. Johnson, James F. Bean.
" 12—Samuel S. Dixon, Edwin F. Badger, Martin K. Sawyer. Sawyer passed upon in 1882.
" 17—Walter J. Farrah, passed upon in 1880.
" 20—J. Freeze Sanborn.
" 21—James K. Floyd, Thurston O. Calley, Elias Ayles, Jr. Ayles admitted by vote of Grand Lodge in 1882.
" 22—Selden F. Wells.

The Grand Chancellor then read his annual report,

which was referred to the Committee on Laws and Supervision:

REPORT OF GRAND CHANCELLOR.

PAST CHANCELLORS:

Time in its ceaseless flight has again called us together in annual convention, for mutual congratulations and deliberation. I trust we have met for the purpose of calmly reasoning together upon those topics which intimately concern the welfare of our Order, and to enact such laws as will tend to diffuse the principles of fraternization. When I entered upon the duties of the office to which your suffrages elevated me, and which I had the honor to accept, it was not without distrust of my ability to perform them in a manner that would meet your approbation; yet, if I have not done what you expected, it was not from lack of interest or devotion to the principles and welfare of the Order. And now, in accordance with the constitution, I submit my report:

The year has been a prosperous one, although the gain in members has not been so large as in former years, but our finances were never in better condition.

During the early part of my term, death entered the Supreme Lodge and removed two of our most honored officers, Brother Joseph Dowdall, of Ohio, Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, and William Bryce Thompson, of Tennessee, Supreme Prelate. Circulars announcing the death of each were received and duly promulgated. As the official circulars were inserted in the Journal of Proceedings for 1882, I have thought best not to reproduce them here.

This Grand Lodge has also lost by death an honored Brother, Past Grand Chancellor and Past Supreme Representative Albert Story, who died June 16th, 1882, after a long and painful sickness. Honest in every impulse, just in every act, I can pay no higher tribute, pronounce no grander eulogy, than to say of him, he was a true Knight and an honest man.

The Grand Lodge has also lost by death Past Chancellor Ellery O. Herrin, of Oriental Lodge No. 12, one of the charter members of that Lodge, and one who by his life exemplified the principles of our Order.

Immediately after the close of the last session I forwarded commissions to the District Deputies of the several districts, and with pleasure am able to say that not one has resigned, and that all have attended to the duties assigned them in a very able manner.

NEW LODGES.

I have opened correspondence with parties in several of our larger towns, but as yet have not met with success. Some time in June I received a letter from parties in Lake Village, asking that a dispensation be granted to start a Lodge in that place, which was referred to the Lodge at Laconia, but owing to some objectionable names upon the petition the request was refused by that Lodge. But Brother Pillsbury, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and myself, visited Lake Village and Laconia and had some talk with the parties, and found that Mt. Belknap was willing to help all in their power, with the right material; and I am happy to say that sometime during the present month a Lodge can be started at that place.

VERMONT.

Soon after assuming the duties of this office, Brother Pillsbury and myself turned our attention to Vermont, and after communicating with the defunct Lodges at Rutland, Poultney, and Ludlow, we were rewarded by receiving a request from Past Grand Chancellor Shedd, of New York, for permission to revive Vermont Lodge No. 1. I immediately forwarded a special commission to him for that purpose; but after mature deliberation I came to the conclusion that the interest of New Hampshire demanded the presence of the grand officers of this State; therefore, accompanied by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, I went to Rutland, and on February 28th, 1882, with the assistance of Past Grand Chancellor Shedd, flung to the breeze the Pythian banner, by the institution of Vermont Lodge No. 1, and would recommend that a charter be granted them by this Grand Lodge.

In December the grand officers received an invitation to visit Rutland and publicly install the officers of that Lodge, and in company with Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Pillsbury, Grand Inner Guard Bagley, and Past Grand Chancellor Rollins, were present and publicly installed the officers. We found them alive to the work, and desirous of extending the Order in that State. This Lodge is made up of the first men in the town, being composed largely of the business element. We found present members from all the other defunct Lodges, and all seemed desirous of once more donning the Pythian armor.

We also visited Ludlow, at the request of some of the members of Green Mountain Lodge of that town, for the purpose of reviving it, but owing to some misunderstand-

ing we did not succeed; we think that, with proper diligence, the Lodge may be started within a few weeks.

The members at Poultney are also very anxious, and if my successor looks well to the interests of the Order, I have no doubt but that Lodge may be revived, and two or three other Lodges in the vicinity of Rutland organized.

DECISIONS.

1. The by-laws of a Lodge read, "and the Keeper of Records and Seal shall receive for his services five dollars per term." *Question*—What constitutes a term? *Ans.*—Six months.

2. *Question*—How long after a candidate has been rejected for the rank of Esquire before he can apply again? *Ans.*—One month.

3. *Question*—In case a Lodge charter is lost and the Grand Lodge grants another, whose names shall appear? *Ans.*—The same as on the original.

PUBLIC DISPLAYS.

I have granted permission to several Lodges to appear in uniform during the past year, among which were Concord Lodge for a parade, Rising Sun Lodge for a parade, Merrimack Lodge for the same, and St. Andrew's for an anniversary ball. I find, wherever these displays have occurred, there has been an increase of membership, and I would recommend that this Grand Lodge make some arrangement for the purpose of having a field day in some central part of the State, in which all uniformed Lodges may participate.

PERMISSION GRANTED.

Permission was granted Palestine Lodge, of Haverhill, Mass., to receive the petition of a candidate from Plaistow, N. H.; also for Pequawket Lodge No. 34, of Fryeburg, Me., to receive the petitions of E. E. Shirly, F. U. Putnam, and F. B. Osgood, of Conway, N. H., hoping that by so doing it might be instrumental in starting a Lodge at that place.

VISITATIONS.

In commencing my visits I thought best to visit Lodges on their regular meeting night, and I have the honor to report that I have done so, visiting all the Lodges in this jurisdiction. I have found them all in a flourishing condition and working harmoniously, being officered by efficient and competent brothers, well instructed in the work, and conducting the business in a very pleasant manner. The District Deputy Grand Chancellor of Harmony Lodge informs me that they have added one thousand dollars to their invested funds. Pawtuckaway Lodge, which has been nearly dead for the past two years, has revived, and I think there is a bright future before them. Brother Bean tells me that they "mean business."

I have been very courteously received by all, and by most of the Lodges entertained and feasted in a sumptuous manner. For information concerning the growth of the Order and its financial standing I will refer you to the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

To the District Deputy Grand Chancellors I would say that they have my thanks for their promptness and willingness at all times to discharge their duties and render such aid as the laws of our Order require.

To our Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, Frank J. Pillsbury, I feel under particular obligations for his kindness and promptness. He has assisted me greatly in the discharge of my official duties, for at no time has his own business been of so much importance that he could not find time to give any information or assistance which was required, and I sincerely hope that this grand body may see fit to continue him in the office, at an advanced salary, for I think the Order could not be placed in better hands.

CONCLUSION.

And now, as I vacate this station to my successor in office, I would say that in the various duties I have been called upon to perform I have done what seemed to me for the best interest of the Order, and if at times I have erred in judgment, or my decisions have not met your approval, rest assured, brethren, I have labored zealously for the unholding of Pythian principles. And now I return you my sincere thanks for the kindly manner in which both officers and brethren have ever supported me, bespeaking for him whom you may choose as my successor the same kind consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. P. APPLETON,

Grand Chancellor.

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was then presented and referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE G. K. OF R. AND S.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Feb. 1, 1883.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire.

BROTHER KNIGHTS: In presenting my report at this time I shall simply give such facts and figures as will show our standing, together with such suggestions as have presented themselves during the year.

MATTERS IN VERMONT.

Soon after the close of the last session the cheering intelligence was received that the Brothers in Rutland were desirous of having the Lodge reinstated. Accordingly, as you have learned by the able report of the Grand Chancellor, that officer and myself went there and reinstituted Vermont Lodge No. 1, some of whose members we had hoped to have the pleasure of seeing present at this time.

The encouragement for reviving the other defunct Lodges and for forming new ones is very flattering, and I hope we shall give them such encouragement and assistance as we can, consistently with our interests in our own State, and that they may soon have a Grand Lodge of their own.

NEW RITUALS.

Soon after receiving word that the new Rituals would be ready by the first of January I ordered a supply for this jurisdiction, which after some delay were received,

and part of the Lodges have already supplied themselves with them. Learning that there was a blank book of forms to be used in connection with the Rituals, I also procured a supply of these.

A circular from the Supreme Chancellor states that no other Ritual will be recognized as legal after the 19th of this month.

I have brought the necessary books with me and hope that some Past Chancellor from each Lodge, not already supplied, will take charge of them, thus avoiding trouble and expense.

CIRCULARS.

But four circulars have been issued from this office during the past year, one at the close of each term, giving the semi-annual password, one giving notice of this session, a copy of which was sent to every member of this grand body, and that relating to a change in the length of terms in Subordinate Lodges.

SUBORDINATE LODGE TERMS.

Not long after the close of the last session the following circular was issued:

OFFICE OF THE

GRAND KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL,

Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire.

CONCORD, N. H., February 11th, 1882.

To the Members of Subordinate Lodges.

BROTHERS: Your attention is called to the following resolution adopted at the last session of the Grand Lodge, held in Manchester, Feb. 2, 1882:

Resolved, That the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal be instructed to submit to each Subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction the question, "Should

the terms of officers of Subordinate Lodges be changed from six months to one year?" and request each Lodge to vote on this question on or before April 1, 1882, and report the result of the same to the G. K. of R. and S., immediately after such vote is taken.

Hoping to receive an answer to the above as soon as the 10th of April, I am,

Fraternally yours,
FRANK J. PILLSBURY,
G. K. of R. and S.

To this replies were received from all the Lodges but No. 10. Twelve were in favor of the change, and five were not in favor of it.

PRINTED PROCEEDINGS.

The Proceedings were published in due season and have been in the hands of the members for some time. The Report of the Supreme Representatives has also been printed and sent to the different Lodges.

NEW LODGES.

The prospect for new Lodges is quite encouraging, and I would suggest the propriety of allowing the charter to be kept open in certain cases for two or more weeks, as circumstances may require.

Another point, which has arisen in correspondence about new Lodges, is to allow the meetings to be held two times a month instead of every week.

I would also suggest the expediency of changing the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges so that they may meet but twice a month, if they so desire.

SRATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP.

Whole number of Lodges, January 1, 1882,		18
" " " 1883,		19

A gain of one Lodge.

Whole number of members, as taken from the returns, January 1, 1882,		1397
To which add — Initiated,	132	
Reinstated,	55	
Received by Card,	7	194
Total,		1591
From this total deduct — Suspended,	60	
Died,	14	
Withdrawn,	11	85
Total membership, January 1, 1883,		1406
Net gain,		109

No return from No. 18 for the second term.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Total receipts of Subordinate Lodges,	$10,664 17
Increase during the year,	2,221 35
Total expenditures,	9,270 89
Increase for the year,	881 80
Total amount paid for relief,	3,315 73
Increase over last year,	700 69
Total amount on hand and invested, January 1, 1883,	11,053 59
Increase for the year,	2,344 02

The financial transactions of this office for the past year have been as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Received from per capita tax and dispensations,	576 80
Grand Master of Exchequer,	265 00
sale of supplies,	130 07
sale of Shields and Cards,	6 10
Total,	$977 97

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for Cards and Shields,	1 40
office expenses,	40 60
printing,	43 50
postage, expressage, telegrams, etc.,	59 05
Supreme Representative tax,	100 00
supplies,	164 40
Paid Grand Master of Exchequer,	569 02
Total,	$977 97

DEATHS.

During the past year two members of this grand body have been called away by death.

The death of Past Grand Chancellor Albert Story, although not unexpected, has made a vacancy in our midst that will not be easily filled. We shall miss his cheery presence and wise counsels, but we can but feel that his sufferings are at an end.

By the removal of Past Chancellor Herrin the members of Oriental Lodge No. 12 lose one of their best and truest brothers.

And so we are all passing on — soon other hands will take up our labors. May we build in such a manner that we shall leave a fragrant memory.

CONCLUSION.

Brothers, the labors of the office are arduous, and have largely increased during the year, but I have endeavored to perform the duties with promptness and fidelity, and hope that my acts may meet with your approval.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK J. PILLSBURY,

G. K. of R. and S.

The Grand Master of Exchequer then presented his report which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE G. M. OF. E.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Feb. 1, 1883.

To the Officers and Past Chancellors of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

Your Grand Master of Exchequer would ask leave to present his report for the year ending Feb. 1, 1883:

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 2, 1882,	Cash of L. K. Peacock, retiring G. M. of E.,		664 72
July 22, "	" F. J. Pillsbury G. K. of R. and S.,	150 00	
Aug. 9, "	" " "	50 00	
Jan. 31, 1883,	" " "	369 02	569 02
Making a total of			$1,233 74

DISBURSEMENTS.

1882.			
Feb. 2,	Paid F. W. McKinley, P. G. C.,	116 96	
March 7,	" for Supreme Representative tax and supplies,	150 00	
" 17,	" F. J. Pillsbury, for supplies,	50 00	
May 23,	" W. E. Moore, for printing,	75 00	
June 19,	" " "	25 00	
Oct. 17,	" " "	38 00	
Dec. 13,	" F. J. Pillsbury, for Rituals, etc.,	65 00	
1883.			
Jan. 31,	" F. J. Pillsbury, salary,	100 00	
Making a total of		$619 96	
Balance in hands of G. M. of E.,			$613 78

The above report is respectfully submitted for your consideration.

Fraternally yours, in F. C. and B.,

CURTIS WHITE,

G. M. of E.

Voted to take a recess till two o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called to order by the Grand Chancellor at two o'clock, and the usual introductory exercises were performed.

The Committee on Credentials and Returns presented their Report on the Semi-Annual Returns, which was accepted and adopted.

MANCHESTER, February 1, 1883.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

Your Committee on Credentials and Returns beg leave to submit the following report:

Pioneer No. 1 shows a loss of $25 in report of first term of 1882 from report of last term of 1881, and a corresponding loss at the end of the year. This without stating cause.

Swamscott No. 2 correct.

Granite No. 3 shows a gain of $75.40 from report of 1881, but does not give the cause. The report for the first term in 1882 shows a balance on hand of $479.75; the true balance should be $455.95, as the amount of Grand Lodge tax, $23.80, is carried as cash on hand, while in the report for second term, 1882, the case is reversed. The report for second term, 1882, should therefore show $439.55 as balance on hand instead of $473.35. The report should show an investment of $403.37, whereas the investment is shown as an expenditure. The Grand Lodge tax is given as paid, but no notice of the same is taken in the footings, thus causing a wrong balance. The sum of the Grand Lodge tax should be treated as an expenditure, and by its amount reduce balance on hand.

Merrimack No. 4 enters an investment of $18.49 as an expenditure.

Nashua No. 5 reports a different sum on hand at commencement of the first term in 1882 from that shown at the end of the second term in 1881, and

from its general incompleteness is recommended to be returned to the Lodge for correction.

Olive Branch No. 6 correct.

Rising Sun No. 7 reports $11 more on hand at commencement of the first term in 1882 than was shown at the end of the second term in 1881, but shows no cause.

Concord No. 8 correct.

Damon No. 9 gains $3 on the report of the first term in 1882, which is clearly a clerical error, and reports cash on hand to be 79 cents more than it should be.

Pawtuckaway No. 10 has no report for the first term in 1882. Report for second term is correct.

Harmony No. 11 reports for the first term in 1882 $39.81 more than was shown at the end of the year in 1881, and in the report for the second term make a gain of $10 in footing, which would make corresponding changes in balances.

Oriental No. 12 starts off with a balance of $80 more than shown at the end of the year in 1881, which causes a like error in balances for 1882.

Prospect No. 13 gains 50 cents over the report of last year, without giving the source, but is otherwise correct.

Hillsborough No. 17 shows a balance ot $242.44. The correct balance should be $228.79. This was an error in summing.

Morning Star No. 18 reports as on hand Jan. 1, 1882, $11.50 more than was shown on the report for the second term in 1881. No report for the second term of 1882 has been received.

Mt. Belknap No. 20 report for the first term in 1882 $423.86, as cash on hand, while the report for the second term in 1881 shows only $287.86, but no cause for this gain is shown.

St. Andrew's No. 21 presents a report for the first term only of 1882, which does not show any amount as paid for expenses, except in recapitulation, which forces a balance.

Wentworth No. 22 presents two reports for the year 1882. Both are given for one term, but are differently itemized and show a different list of officers. Your committee assume that the return on the new style of blank must be the correct one for the second term; but the other report, signed by the officers for the first term, does not show the same balance as shown to be on hand at the end of 1881, but rather a loss of $36.80, and a further loss of $1.08 is accounted for by error in footing. The report for the second term in 1882 shows a still further loss of $72.18, with no cause stated.

Vermont No. 1 correct.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN P. YOUNG,
FRANK E. ROLLINS,
CHARLES H. CURTIS,
Committee.

Bill in favor of Geo. P. Appleton, for services as Grand Chancellor, amounting to $120.00, was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The special Committee on Reprinting Proceedings presented a report which, after some discussion, was on motion referred back to the committee.

Past Grand Chancellor Libbey moved to take from the table the report of the Committee on Laws and Supervision, which was laid on the table in 1879. (See page 51 of the Proceedings for that year.)

The motion prevailed, and on motion of the same brother the report of the committee as then made was accepted and adopted.

On motion of Past Grand Chancellor Lang, voted to proceed to the election of officers.

The chair appointed Past Grand Chancellor McKinley, of No. 3, and Past Chancellor Coffin, of No. 9, as tellers.

The following letter from Grand Master-at-Arms Pickering was read:

SOUTH BOSTON, MASS., January 29, 1883.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

I beg leave to inform you that on account of my change in business and removal from the State I shall not be able to be with you in this your annual convention, and furthermore will have to decline serving in the capacity of any office which the Grand Lodge might see fit to bestow upon me.

Hoping and trusting that your deliberations will be such as to commend you to the good will of all concerned, I remain,

Yours in F. C. and B.,

A. T. PICKERING,

Grand Master-at-Arms.

The following Brothers were declared elected to fill the various offices for the ensuing term:

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED.

ALONZO T. PINKHAM, Dover, *Grand Chancellor.*
JOHN N. HAINES, Great Falls, *Grand Vice Chancellor.*
HERMON MANSON, Portsmouth, *Grand Prelate.*
CURTIS WHITE, Concord, *Grand Master of Exchequer.*
FRANK J. PILLSBURY, Concord, *Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.*
CHARLES A. BAGLEY, Nashua, *Grand Master-at-Arms.*
WILLIAM H. DIXON, Manchester, *Grand Inner Guard.*
SELDEN F. WELLS, Newcastle, *Grand Outer Guard.*

The Committee on Finance presented their report on the Report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, which was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

MANCHESTER, February 1, 1883.

To the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

The Committee on Finance have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and those of the Grand Master of Exchequer, and find the same correctly kept and properly vouched.

We have also examined the bill of the Grand Chancellor, amounting to $120.00, and recommend that the same be allowed and paid.

We recommend that so much of the Report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal as relates to changes in the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be referred to the Committee on Laws and Supervision.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK D. WOODBURY,
CURT. H. WATSON,
FRANK E. BEAN,
Committee on Finance.

Past Supreme Chancellor Davis was invited to exemplify the secret work, according to the new Ritual, which invitation he very kindly accepted, and stated that he would do as requested at the evening session.

The special committee to prepare new forms for Returns and Past Chancellors' Certificates made the following report, which was accepted and the recommendation was adopted.

MANCHESTER, February 1, 1883.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of preparing new forms for Semi-Annual Returns and Past Chancellors' Certificates, would most respectfully report that they have attended to their duty and furnished a supply to the Lodges, so far as the Semi-Annual Returns are concerned.

In regard to the Past Chancellors' Certificates, as there were a large number of the old blanks on hand, they deemed it best to use these for the past year, and would recommend that they have leave to bring in a new form when the supply is exhausted.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK J. PILLSBURY,
S. S. DAVIS,
WILLIAM E. MOORE,
Committee.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Supreme Representative for four years, Past Grand Chancellor Seavey, of No. 6, and Past Chancellor Coffin, of No. 9, acting as tellers.

Past Grand Chancellor Franklin W. McKinley, of Granite Lodge No. 3, was elected.

Mt. Belknap Lodge was, on motion, granted leave to have their reports returned to them for correction.

Past Chancellor Coffin offered a resolution that the next session of the Grand Lodge be held at Portsmouth. After

some discussion the resolution was adopted, and New Hampshire's only seaport will have the pleasure of our company next February.

Past Chancellor Chas. H. Curtis offered a resolution that the State be divided into Districts, so that each District Deputy Grand Chancellor may have charge of more than one Lodge. Voted that the subject be referred to the Committee on Laws and Supervision, to report at the next session of the Grand Lodge.

Voted to take a recess till 7.30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge assembled for work at the hour appointed.

The special committee appointed at the last session, in regard to reprinting Proceedings, presented the following report, which was read, and after some considerable discussion it was voted to indefinitely postpone the whole matter.

MANCHESTER, February 1, 1883.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

The special Committee on Printing, to which was referred the subject of reprinting the early Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, would respectfully report that they have attended to their duty and would recommend that 300 copies of the first pamphlet of 72 pages, the edition of which is nearly exhausted, be reprinted in uniform size and style with those of 1882, provided the expense of the same shall not exceed $1.25 per page.

Fraternally submitted,

S. S. DAVIS,
W. E. MOORE,
FRANK J. PILLSBURY,
Committee.

The Committee on Laws and Supervision presented their report, as follows:

MANCHESTER, February 1, 1883.

To the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

The Committee on Laws and Supervision would submit the following report:

But few amendments to the By-Laws of the Lodges have been submitted to your committee, and none of sufficient importance to report to you. We have always examined them carefully, and reported to the Lodges our decisions.

We would report upon so much of the Grand Chancellor's report as refers to a charter being granted to Vermont Lodge No. 1, of Vermont, recommending that such charter be granted.

On the decision of the Grand Chancellor, that when a candidate for the rank of Esquire has been rejected his application may be reeeived in one month after, your committee recommend that this decision be not approved. All the laws of the Supreme Lodge and of this Grand Lodge declare that six months shall elapse after such rejection before applying again.

We would recommend the adoption of the following: That when charges are preferred against any officer of a Lodge his office shall not be declared vacant, until the Lodge has acted finally upon the report of the trial committee, and not then unless the penalty shall be suspension.

Of the recommendation of the Grand Chancellor for a "Field-Day" for Subordinate Lodges, we would recommend that the matter be left with the officers of the Grand Lodge.

That the granting of dispensations for parades in uniform by several Lodges be approved.

That the granting of permission for certain persons, residents of this State, to apply for membership in Lodges in other adjacent jurisdictions, be approved.

All other decisions of the Grand Chancellor we recommend be approved.

Your committee are pleased to learn of the general prosperity of the Order in this jurisdiction, and that there has been a steady increase of membership every year since the institution of this Grand Lodge.

So much as refers to an increase of the salary of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, we recommend that his salary, until otherwise ordered, be one hundred and fifty dollars per year.

That so much of the report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal as refers to the change of terms of officers from six months to one year, we find that two-thirds of the Subordinate Lodges have voted for the change.

And your committee would recommend that for 1884, and until otherwise ordered, the terms of officers of Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction shall be one year.

That this change shall not apply to terms for reports to be made to the Grand Lodge, and that they shall be made as heretofore semi-annually.

To carry this into effect we submit the following amendments: Amend Sec. 1, Art. 9, Constitution of the Grand Lodge, by striking out of the first line the words, "at the end of each term," and insert after the word "Lodge" in the second line, "semi-annually, January 1st and July 1st." Amend Sec. 1, Art. 3, Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, by striking out of the 3d line the word "and" before "Prelate," and all after it to the words "Keeper of Records and Seal," in the 5th line. Strike out of the 7th line, "in like manner," and insert after "annually" in the 8th line "by ballot." Amend Sec. 1, Art. 12, Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, by striking out of the 1st line the words, "At the close of every term the," and insert before "Lodge" in same line, "This." Insert after "Lodge" in 2d line the words, "semi-annually, January 1st and July 1st." These amendments shall not be operative until January 1st, 1884.

We recommend these changes and urge their adoption, because two-thirds of the Subordinate Lodges have asked it, and we can afford to give it a fair trial, and then, if not found desirable, it can be repealed.

Fraternally submitted,

S. S. DAVIS,
JOHN McCAULEY,
E. P. NUTE,
Committee on Laws and Supervision.

Voted to accept the report and adopt it, except that part in relation to changing the length of the terms of office.

The proposed amendments were submitted by the committee and by Past Grand Chancellors Curtis White and Franklin W. McKinley.

An amendment that the change go into effect in 1894 was lost, and after considerable discussion the amendments as reported were all adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence were given leave to print their report with the Proceedings.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to install the officers, and

the Grand Prelate elect not being present, a new election was ordered, Past Grand Chancellors Seavey and Moore acting as tellers, and Frank D. Woodbury of No. 8 was elected.

The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, Past Supreme Chancellor Davis acting as Installing Officer, assisted by Past Grand Chancellor Libbey, as Grand Prelate, and Past Grand Chancellor Rollins, as Grand Master-at-Arms.

The following Brothers were duly installed as officers for the ensuing term:

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE FOR 1883.

Past Grand Chancellor—GEO. P. APPLETON, of Suncook.
Grand Chancellor—ALONZO T. PINKHAM, of Dover.
Grand Vice Chancellor—JOHN N. HAINES, of Great Falls.
Grand Prelate—FRANK D. WOODBURY, of Concord.
Grand Master of Exchequer—CURTIS WHITE, of Concord.
Grand Keeper of Records and Seal—FRANK J. PILLSBURY, of Concord.
Grand Master-at-Arms—CHAS. A. BAGLEY, of Nashua.
Grand Inner Guard—WM. H. DIXON, of Manchester.
Grand Outer Guard—SELDEN F. WELLS, of Newcastle.

SUPREME REPRESENTATIVES.

CHARLES M. LANG, of Concord, two years.
FRANKLIN W. MCKINLEY, of Manchester, four years.

Past Supreme Chancellor Davis then exemplified the secret work, according to the new Ritual, in which he was ably assisted by Grand Keeper of Records and Seal J. F. Chute, of Maine.

The Grand Chancellor announced as a committee to prepare resolutions on deceased members, Past Chancellor Robert A. Seaver, of No. 4, Past Grand Chancellor Geo. P. Appleton, of No. 12, and Past Grand Chancellor Franklin W. McKinley, of No. 3.

The Grand Chancellor then made the following appointments:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Laws and Supervision—Stilman S. Davis, of No. 5, Frank E. Rollins, of No. 2, Robert A. Seaver, of No. 4.

On Finance—Henry Peyser, of No. 9, John McCauley, of No. 8, Frank E. Bean, of No. 10.

On Appeals and Grievances—Eugene P. Nute, of No. 11, Thomas Ritchie, of No. 13, Elias Ayles, of No. 20.

On Credentials and Returns—John P. Young, of No. 3, Charles H. Curtis, of No. 11, Amos Chattle, of No. 20.

On Printing—Larkin B. Moulton, of No. 7, Samuel S. Dixon, of No. 12, Robert Mitchell, of No. 1.

On Foreign Correspondence—Frank J. Pillsbury, of No. 8, Asa A. Fox, of No. 18, Oliver P. Ricker, of No. 6.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLORS.

No. 1, Pioneer, Newmarket, William A. Frye.
" 2, Swamscott, Exeter, James W. Tilton.
" 3, Granite, Manchester, Robert A. Seaver.
" 4, Merrimack, " "
" 5, Nashua, Nashua, Charles A. Bagley.
" 6, Olive Branch, Dover, Edward L. Currier.
" 7, Rising Sun, Rochester, John B. Kelley.
" 8, Concord, Concord, Frank D. Woodbury.

No. 9, Damon, Portsmouth, Gustave Peyser.
" 10, Pawtuckaway, Epping, Frank E. Bean.
" 11, Harmony, Farmington, Ira A. Quint.
" 12, Oriental, Suncook, Edwin F. Badger.
" 13, Prospect, Great Falls, Moses B. Knight.
" 17, Hillsborough, Hillsborough Bridge, Daniel S. Roach.
" 18, Morning Star, Milton Mills, Frank H. Adams.
" 20, Mt. Belknap, Laconia, Arthur V. Smith.
" 21, St. Andrew's, Franklin Falls, C. B. Nichols.
" 22, Wentworth, Newcastle, Jesse O. White.
" 1, Vermont, Rutland, Vt., Harley C. Tuttle.

The special committee, to which was assigned the duty of preparing resolutions upon the death of deceased members of the Grand Lodge, presented the following:

ALBERT STORY.

WHEREAS, in the ceaseless course of time, it has pleased Divine Providence to enter the inner portals of this Lodge and remove from us forever our beloved Brother and knightly counsellor, Past Grand Chancellor and Supreme Representative, Albert Story, therefore be it

Resolved, That in his death this Grand Lodge has lost one of its strongest pillars, who ever watched over its progress for good, ever ready to defend it from the shafts of its enemies, ever ready with honest counsel and advice, and prompt in its support.

Resolved, That the members of this Grand Lodge have lost a faithful friend, a pleasant companion, and a brave Brother Knight, and while we mourn his departure from this life and from the beloved Order which he cherished, may all remember his wise counsel, always given with caution lest he should wound the feelings of a Brother, and may we also remember that he was honest to a fault, and strive to emulate his life and character.

Resolved, That we extend our sympathy to the widow and children of our deceased brother; may they look to Him who doeth all things well, and may their feet be guided into the paths of peace and prosperity.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on the records of this Grand Lodge, a copy sent the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias of the World, and to the family of our deceased Brother.

Fraternally submitted,
FRANKLIN W. KcKINLEY,
ROBERT A. SEAVER,
GEORGE P. APPLETON.

ELLERY O. HERRIN.

WHEREAS, it has pleased an All-Wise Providence to remove by death our beloved Brother, Past Chancellor E. O. Herrin, from his active and useful labors on earth to the Grand Lodge above, therefore

Resolved, That in the death of our Brother, Ellery O. Herrin, Oriental Lodge and the Order generally have sustained the loss of one of its most devoted members, one whose heart was ever open and whose hand was ever ready to discharge the duties of a true Knight; that although we lament our Brother's death we cherish a lively recollection of his virtues.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the Grand Lodge Records, and a copy sent to the family of our deceased Brother.

Fraternally submitted,
FRANKLIN W. McKINLEY,
ROBERT A. SEAVER,
GEORGE P. APPLETON.

Past Grand Chancellor Rollins offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be returned to Granite Lodge No. 3 and Merrimack Lodge No. 4, for the courtesies extended to us during this session. Also that a vote of thanks be returned to Past Grand Chancellors Moore and Lang, for their kindness in obtaining a reduction in car and hotel rates.

Interesting remarks were made by Past Supreme Chancellor Davis, and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Chute, of Maine, the latter addressing the Grand Lodge

at considerable length and giving an account of the recent rapid growth of the Order in our sister jurisdiction, and offering to us the encouragement and inspiration of her example.

The session of 1883 will long be remembered as a most enjoyable one, the attendance being very large, and the proceedings throughout having been characterized by the utmost harmony and good feeling.

No other business appearing, the Grand Chancellor, at 12.30 P. M., declared the Grand Lodge closed, to meet in Portsmouth on the first Thursday in February, 1884, unless sooner called together in special session.

A true record, attest:

FRANK J. PILLSBURY,
G. K. of R. and S.

ALBERT STORY,

Past Grand Chancellor and Supreme Representative.

Initiated, Proved, and Charged in Merrimack Lodge No. 4, Manchester, N. H., May 20th, 1870.

Died June 16th, 1882, aged 43 years.

ELLERY O. HERRIN,

Past Chancellor and Charter Member.

Initiated, Proved, and Charged, in Oriental Lodge No. 12, Suncook, N. H., December 6th, 1870.

Died October 17th, 1882, aged 33 years.

APPENDIX.

REPORT

OF THE

Committee on Correspondence.

The undersigned, Committee on Foreign Correspondence, after a hasty review of all the journals received, would present the following:

NEBRASKA.

The eighteenth annual session was held at Lincoln, October 10th, 1882.

Representatives were present from eight Lodges.

The Grand Chancellor, H. F. Downs, presents quite a lengthy report, in which he gives a detailed account of every official act, with the date thereof.

It would seem that Brother Downs had been faithful to his trust during the past year, making every effort to advance the welfare of the Order. He had visited all the Lodges but three, and appointed several Deputies. He has had an efficient helper in Brother E. E. French, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

Brother Downs says of him:

As an assistant to the Grand Chancellor there cannot be a better. As a Keeper of Records and Seal he has no superior. As a dictionary of our laws he is a perfect unabridged. To him I extend my hearty thanks.

ARKANSAS.

Our Arkansas brethren publish the Proceedings of their second annual session in a neat and clearly-printed pamphlet. This grand body met August 10th, 1882, and was in session two days.

From Brother G. C. Essex's report we infer that the jurisdiction is in a flourishing condition, our prophecy in regard to them beginning to be fulfilled.

There have been six new Lodges instituted since June, 1881. There are prospects now of several new Lodges being instituted during the coming year. Three Lodges became defunct before the institution of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Chancellor submitted but few decisions, but all possessed a point and were sustained by the Grand Lodge.

In his recommendations he says:

The position of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is a very laborious one, requiring much intelligence, skill and time. * * * As the reports show your finances to be in a good condition, I earnestly and heartily recommend that the compensation be increased to at least $300.00 per annum.

Accordingly it was voted to give the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal $300.00.

This jurisdiction, we are glad to note, have organized a Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

There are now sixteen Lodges, with a membership of 715. The net gain for the year has been 261. The total amount expended for relief has been $1,163.90.

John M. Taylor was re-elected Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The annual session was holden at Boston, February 8th, 1882, Grand Chancellor Dana Z. Smith occupying the chair.

There were present sixty-six Representatives from the various Lodges.

The Grand Chancellor's report covers thirteen pages of closely-printed matter. He reports the Order in a good condition, although with no great increase in numbers. All the Lodges seem to be in a strong and flourishing condition.

The headquarters of the Grand Lodge, which had for so long been situated on Tremont street, have now been removed to Pemberton Square. The furniture of the old office has all been sold and replaced by new.

Two Lodges have consolidated, one surrendered its charter, and one new one instituted at Lowell. Correspondence has been carried on with several persons in various parts of the State, relative to the organization of new Lodges. There has been a net gain in membership of 182, making a total of 3680. Financially there has been a net gain over last year of $3,509.48.

This State has an able Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Francis A. Chase was re-elected as Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

IOWA.

The Grand Lodge held its thirteenth annual session at Council Bluffs, October 25th and 26th, 1882.

After the usual introductory business, the Grand Chancellor presented his report, which occupies ninety-eight pages of printed matter, containing mostly testimonials and reports in full of the instituting officer, although the Grand Chancellor reports his own work in detail.

During a period of twenty months since the last annual session, 1564 Knights have been added to the roster, 34 new Lodges have been organized, and 4 defunct Lodges have been resuscitated. This large increase is greatly due to the untiring efforts of Grand Chancellor Hibben, who has applied himself diligently to the work, in season and out of season.

At the close of the second day's session, E. H. Hibben was re-elected Grand Chancellor, and H. D. Walker, after a faithful service of eight years, was also re-elected Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. The convention adjourned to meet at Ottumwa.

GEORGIA.

The Grand Lodge assembled May 16th, 1882, and was called to order by Grand Chancellor S. C. Roberts.

The proceedings of this session are included in a pamphlet of only twenty pages.

The Grand Chancellor gives us an encouraging report. To be sure but one new Lodge has been formed, but from the Grand Chancellor's report this would seem to be composed of the best material. Information had also been received concerning the starting of new Lodges at several new points. The work has not been as rapid and marked here during the past year as in some other places, but yet there seems to be a steady, onward movement. There are now in this grand jurisdiction eleven Lodges in good working order, with a total membership of 474, which is an increase of 22 since the last session. The finances appear to be in a good, healthy condition, the funds now in the hands of the Grand Master of Exchequer amounting to $665.36.

The Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, R. R. Richards, in reference to the salary attached to his office, in conclusion says:

> While the Grand Lodge was in debt and the outlook for payment was gloomy, I believed that the pay should be correspondingly small; but now that the finances of the Grand Lodge can bear an increase of salary I would strongly recommend that it be fixed at a sum not less than $100.00 per annum. I make no charge and will accept no compensation for my services, hence I may be at least credited with disinterestedness in this connection, especially when I say that it is impossible for me to again fill the position; on account of other duties which demand all my attention, even if it should be your will to again signify that I should continue to act for you. I thank you all most heartily for the confidence with which I have been entrusted.

The present Keeper of Records and Seal is Brother C. J. Stroberg.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Grand Lodge assembled in semi-annual session, at Washington, January 24th to February 9th, inclusive.

The Grand Chancellor, John T. Moling, presents somewhat of an encouraging report, as he says there have been added "to the fold of their membership men both true and good."

Further on he says:

> But while I rejoice that some of our Lodges are adding to their membership and increasing their exchequer, I am more than pained to learn that several of them are fast declining in membership and finances; this decline however is by no means attributable to a want of energy on the part of the members still remaining in them, but it is owing to the fact that misfortune, disease and death have swept over them in such startling frequency as to weaken them in both respects.

In this jurisdiction there are four Sections of the Endowment Rank. Section No. 6, located in Washington, since its institution in 1877 has paid $26,000 to beneficiaries, on account of fourteen deaths.

Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Goodhart gives us a short and concise report, in which he states the present number of Lodges as fifteen, with a membership of 1011, a net loss of forty-five since the last report. Balance of funds on hand December 31st, 1881, $7,330.89, a net gain of $30.57.

LOUISIANA.

The second annual session was held at Shreveport, August 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th, 1882.

Since the last session this State has been visited by a terrible calamity. The Grand Chancellor says:

> A flood, unprecedented in our past history, has laid waste the fairest and most productive portion of Louisiana, and the suffering, destitution and

privations of the people, and of our brethren, have been terrible beyond description. In the face of this adversity, I reluctantly assumed the power of postponing the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and am happy to say that my action was approved by our worthy Supreme Chancellor and endorsed by all the Subordinate Lodges except one. Even amid all this chaos the Pythian banner has been kept above the rising waters, and the good work went nobly on.

One Lodge, Goodrich No. 20, failing to meet for several months, has surrendered its charter, and the rituals, books and properties are now in the hands of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal is a well-arranged document, which reports an addition of eighty Lodges to the Grand Lodge Roster during the past term, and a rapid gain in membership and finances; but we see by examining the statistics that the cipher should have been left off. This was evidently a mistake of the printer and not of Brother Churchill. We wish, Brother Churchill, that your statistics could have agreed with that statement rather than that we should have to make the statement agree with the statistics.

The present Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, in entering upon his duties, had a great deal to contend with, owing to the neglect of the work and business by his predecessor. Nevertheless he has filled the office in a highly satisfactory manner, which is made evident by his unanimous re-election.

The Subordinate Lodges numbered, January 1st, 1882, thirty-five, with a membership of 1389.

OHIO.

The Grand Lodge met in its thirteenth annual session at Columbus, May 23, and continued two days.

The Grand Chancellor commences his report in the following manner:

We have again assembled to take counsel for the welfare of our beloved Order, as required by law. I herewith present to you my report for your consideration. The term has been one of the most eventful in the history of the Order. We have been greatly blessed, numerically and financially speaking. Reports from all parts of the State show a decided gain. I have issued dispensations for a large number of new Lodges. The petitioners in all cases were large in number, and composed of such as we desire to have associated with us. I have corresponded with a large number of representative men in this State, and prophecy that the coming term will be more successful than this. Since we last met the Supreme Chancellor above has seen fit, in his All-Wise Providence, to remove from our midst one who was dear to us all, and whose counsel we will sadly miss in our deliberations.

In his report the Grand Chancellor speaks of the institution of eighteen new Lodges, all of which start under favorable auspices. In each case a large charter list was obtained, composed of the most influential men of the several localities.

Joseph Dowdall Lodge No. 144, of Columbus, was instituted by Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Edward J. Dowdall, May 20th, 1882, with over eighty charter members. Fifty-two candidates were initiated into the mysteries of the Page Rank, and thirty-seven of that number taken through the three Ranks of the Order.

Three Lodges—Social Friends, Findlay, and Uhland—have surrendered their charters. Seventy of the most interested members of the first-named Lodge sent in a petition for a new Lodge, and a dispensation was granted them. It is reported also that there is a strong desire among the former members of Findlay Lodge to have the charter restored.

Two of the Lodges sustained the loss of all their property by fire.

December 31st, 1881, there occurred at Shanesville a startling disaster. Shanesville Lodge was holding a festival in the Lodge room, there being a large concourse of friends in addition to the members of the Order present, when the floor suddenly gave way, throwing nearly all present to the floor beneath, killing some instantly and injuring many others.

And now it is with sad hearts that we note the death of Joseph Dowdall, the late Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of this jurisdiction, and so long Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal. The news of Brother Dowdall's death has caused heart-felt grief throughout the Pythian world. By the world at large he was widely known, loved and respected, but more especially was he beloved and esteemed as a brother-worker and pillar of our Order. Brother Dowdall procured the dispensation authorizing the organzation of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and was appointed Deputy Grand Chancellor. In 1869 he was elected a member of the Supreme Lodge of the World, and in 1874 he was elected Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, which trust he held to the day of his death.

Edward J. Dowdall, son of the late Joseph Dowdall, was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Grand Jurisdiction of Ohio caused by the death of his father.

He reports the membership, January 1st, 1881, as 6628, and December 31st, 1881, as 7245, making a net increase for the year of 617.

MISSOURI.

The journal of this jurisdiction is a neat and well-arranged pamphlet, containing the proceedings of the

twelfth annual session, which was holden at Carthage, October 17th, 18th and 19th, 1882. Representatives were present from thirty-three Lodges.

In his report the Grand Chancellor makes mention of the institution of eleven new Lodges. Of these he says:

> All of these Lodges start out under favorable circumstances, and I feel confident will make good working Lodges. They are all composed of the best material of the various places where they are located. I would recommend that charters be granted to all of them. In all cases when the Lodges were not instituted by myself I issued a special commission to the instituting officer.

Under the head of "Special Work," he speaks of visiting Imperial and Richmond Lodges and restoring to them their charters.

A petition was presented from thirty-one of the former members of Triumph Lodge, asking that the charter and effects of said Lodge be restored to them. As the charter could not be found, the Grand Chancellor recommended that a duplicate charter be granted them.

After several efforts to revive the Lodge at Warrensburg the charter was finally surrendered.

The Grand Chancellor had visited twenty-nine of the Lodges personally, and the rest were visited by some one who was able to instruct them in the secret work. A great many were, he says, very backward in the work of the Order, but others, which had been more fortunate in receiving visits, he found in a good condition and the officers well versed in their duties.

The Order in this jurisdiction seems to be in a healthy condition, both numerically and financially. The older Lodges are constantly adding to their membership, and new Lodges are springing up around them.

By consulting the report of Brother Thomas R. Gelwick, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, we find that the present number of Lodges is sixty-three, with a membership of 3794, a net increase of 1074.

There is a balance of $5,416.52 in the hands of the Grand Master of Exchequer.

ALABAMA.

This grand jurisdiction held its tenth annual session at Montgomery, April 18th, 19th and 20th, 1882. Thirty-one Lodges were represented at this assembly.

The Grand Chancellor in his report alludes to a certain Special Deputy Grand Chancellor, appointed directly by the Grand Lodge, who assumed rather more authority than the office would seem to warrant. The first that the Grand Chancellor knew of any change was by being informed by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal that Shades Valley Lodge had been moved from Oxmoor to Birmingham, and was no more known as Shades Valley but as Phœnix Lodge. As this Lodge was under the especial jurisdiction of the aforesaid "Deputy," the Grand Chancellor addressed him on the subject but could get no answer. This Special Deputy claimed to hold his authority from the same source as the Grand Chancellor and so not in any way inferior to him. He preferred charges against him at this session, but these were speedily dismissed, and the conduct of the "Special" referred to a committee who brought rather grave charges against him. These were fully sustained, and by a vote of the Grand Lodge he was reprimanded and prohibited from holding

any office, elective or appointive, temporary or permanent, for the next six months. The Grand Lodge, however, it seems was to blame in the first place for giving him his appointment, as the appointment of all Deputy Grand Chancellors is specially delegated to the Grand Chancellor. The committee to whom was referred the Special Deputy's report offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that the appointment of I. Frost, as a Special Deputy Grand Chancellor, was unwise, illegal, and unconstitutional.

The Grand Lodge offered suitable resolutions, and devoted a memorial page to the memory of Brother Joseph Dowdall.

Brother L. Hensly Grubbs, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, reports the present number of Lodges as thirty, a gain of four during the year, and the membership as 1390, a gain of 202.

The state of the finances speaks for itself, there being a balance in the treasury, January 1st, 1882, of $7,739.84.

MISSISSIPPI.

The ninth annual session was held at Vicksburg, May 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th, 1882.

The Grand Chancellor, Owen Royce, gives us a spirited and encouraging report.

He states it as his opinion that a Past Chancellor, to be strictly eligible to the position of District Deputy Grand Chancellor, should have previously the rank of Past Chancellor conferred by the Grand Lodge; or, as it is termed, he should be a Past Chancellor *in full.*

He says in his report:

As compared to former years I feel that I can congratulate myself upon having a greater number of reports from my Deputies than any of my predecessors, yet when I read these reports as submitted I regret to find such a lack of interest displayed by the prominent officers of our Order. It is evident to my mind that the duty of a District Deputy Grand Chancellor has never yet been thoroughly comprehended by those who have receivcd the appointments as such in this jurisdiction.

This it would seem is a common feeling throughout the Order. The responsibility assumed in accepting this trust is greater than is usually felt.

There were three new Lodges instituted during the year, and these it is said are composed of good material and have brilliant prospects for the future.

We note the following decision:

Question — Is a Brother who has served a term in the chair of the Vice Chancellor, in another jurisdiction, eligible to the position of Chancellor Commander?

Answer — If the Brother can produce the evidence that he has served and received the honors of Past Vice Chancellor, he is certainly eligible to the chair of Chancellor Commander.

The reports from the Endowment Rank show large numerical gains in the several Sections. This seems destined to become the most important feature of our Order, and we are glad to know that it is in a flourishing condition among our Mississippi brethren. We agree with Brother Royce, that it can be justly termed the great bulwark of our Pythian system.

The Uniform Rank here is divided into two Divisions, the Lee and Washington. These appear to be in good condition, having increased in numbers to some extent during the past year, and otherwise improving.

The Grand Chancellor speaks to some extent of the ad-

vantage of a Grand Lecturer, and also of the desirability of a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, with all of which we heartily concur.

We find that this grand body so far agreed with the Grand Chancellor as to appoint a standing committee of three, to be known as the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to report to the Grand Lodge at every annual session.

A resolution was also passed to appoint a Grand Lecturer, whose duty it shall be to devote two months to traveling in the interest of the Order in the State, devoting his best efforts to the establishment of new Lodges. He is to be allowed a compensation of seventy-five dollars a month and all traveling expenses paid.

The number of members, December 31st, 1881, was 1642, a gain of 96 since the last report.

The present number of Subordinate Lodges is thirty-three.

A neat memorial page is devoted to Joseph Dowdall, Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, and to W. Bryce Thompson, Supreme Prelate, and suitable resolutions were offered to their memory.

T. J. Hanes, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

NEVADA.

The tenth annual session was held at Carson City, August 14th, 15th and 16th, 1882.

The proceedings are contained in a very neatly-printed pamphlet of 104 pages.

Grand Chancellor Morrison gives a very interesting

account of his visits to the several Lodges, having visited each one in turn, exemplifying the secret work. He was cordially welcomed everywhere. The books of records and accounts were found well and neatly kept, and everything moving on in a very harmonious manner.

On the 16th of September, Austin Lodge No. 9 was overtaken by a terrible calamity. Everything was destroyed by fire, except the books, which were saved by C. C. Murray. A large number of valuable uniforms, the private property of the members, were also destroyed, but in a few weeks the Brothers were at work again in a new hall, with an entirely new outfit, purchased by the contributions of each member. Triumph Lodge No. 11 donated quite an amount, but the offer was politely and kindly declined and the money returned. The Brothers were determined to succeed themselves.

Our brethren of Nevada responded quickly to the call for help from Michigan. They forwarded $205.75 to Bro. Ellis, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of the Grand Jurisdiction of Michigan.

The Order in Nevada has been greatly prospered during the past year, financially and numerically. The per cent. of increase this year has been greater than that of any previous year, and the prospect is good for a still larger increase during the year to come.

There are now six Sections of the Endowment Rank in that State, and it is probable that one will shortly be constituted at Dayton.

Brother Morrison says:

> It may be that after awhile the Supreme Lodge may deem it wise to cut away the secret work and thus make it a much simpler proposition, when, in my opinion, its usefulness will be still further advanced.

In December, 1881, the Grand Master of Exchequer, J. M. Flanagan, was removed from office, on account of a misappropriation of some of the funds entrusted to his care, and Brother Alexander Leport was appointed to fill the vacancy.

One new Lodge has been instituted at Gold Hill, starting with a membership of eighty. It is now one of the strongest Lodges in the jurisdiction.

There are now eleven Lodges in operation here, with a membership of 738, an increase of 190 over the last year's report.

The total expenditures for relief were $3,300.85.

P. B. Ellis, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

MAINE.

The Grand Lodge was convened at Portland, May 17th, 1882, in their tenth annual session. Thirteen Subordinate Lodges were represented.

The Grand Chancellor granted dispensations for the organization of three new Lodges, which all start out with bright prospects before them, one having a membership of one hundred.

Grand Chancellor Wyer Greene delivers a pleasing address, in which he speaks of instituting the three new Subordinates, and also that quite an interest is manifested by the citizens of several towns in the eastern part of the State, and that a number of petitions had been started.

Further on he speaks of the resignation of George Andrews, as Grand Master of Exchequer, and the appoint-

ment of Past Chancellor Charles Movely to fill the unexpired term.

He gives quite an encouraging report as to the State of the Order, all of the Lodges with one exception having gained in membership. Portland Lodge added forty-nine to its membership. There was a total gain of 295, from Junuary 1st to May 1st, 1882.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence give us a careful review of thirty jurisdictions, besides the Supreme Lodge. M. L. Stevens is chairman of this committee. In speaking of the state of the Order in Vermont, he says that it is evidently bad, but we are happy to say this is not the case. There is quite an interest there. The old Lodges are reviving, and there is a desire on the part of the Knights to again establish Pythianism. There appears to be every prospect now for a sufficient number of Subordinates to form a Grand Lodge. The report of this committee has evidently been a painstaking affair. It contains a tabulated statement, comparing the work done in the several grand jurisdictions.

There are at present twenty-eight Lodges, with a membership of 2278. Paid for benefits, $5,958.12; paid for funeral benefits, $340.00; balance on hand, $19,445.63.

J. F. Chute, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

OREGON.

We have the journal of the proceedings of the second annual session, held at Astoria, June 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th, 1882.

On the evening of the first day of the session occurred

the dedication of the Castle Hall of Astor Lodge No. 6. At the conclusion of the dedicatory ceremonies, H. Y. Thompson, of Mystic Lodge, delivered an oration appropriate to the occasion, after which the Grand Chancellor formally delivered the Pythian banner into the keeping of the Chancellor. There was a large delegation of Knights and friends of the Order present and it was made a most enjoyable occasion.

The Grand Chancellor speaks of the institution of two Lodges. Of these he says:

> These Lodges were instituted with good material, and have increasing memberships, composed of the best materials of the communities in which they are located.

The Grand Chancellor makes one point in which we would concur. The case came up of the appointment of a Supreme Deputy Grand Chancellor, at the institution of Valley Lodge. He claims that the appointment of Brother Aiken was improper, while there were District Deputy Grand Chancellors and other Grand Lodge officers that should be delegated to perform the work. It would seem to us that such an appointment should be from those who had at least attained the rank of Past Chancellor.

There are at present ten Subordinate Lodges, with a membership of 418.

From information derived from correspondence and observation, it is estimated that at the close of the present term the roster will show a membership of 600.

An appendix contains the Constitution adopted at the second annual session of the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

The Proceedings contain mostly matter of local interest only.

Ward S. Stevens, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

ILLINOIS.

The thirteenth annual session of the Grand Lodge of Illinois was called to order by Grand Chancellor Joseph D. Roper on the 17th of October, 1882, at Springfield. The convention was held in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol. Representatives were present from forty-three Lodges.

Grand Chancellor Roper refers in a very feeling manner to the death of Brother Joseph Dowdall.

Under the head of "Discourteous Conduct and Unjustifiable Action," he gives in full the correspondence of Past Grand Chancellors Kennedy and Garnsey. Brother Kennedy in the first place resents a so-called insult. It seems the facts are as follows: Brother Kennedy was elected to fill the vacancy as chairman of the Committee on Laws and Supervision, caused by the election of the former chairman, Brother Lyon, as Supreme Representative. At the last session Brother Herdman was appointed chairman of the said committee, which included Brother Kennedy. Of the latter appointment Brother Kennedy says:

> I claimed no pre-emption, it is true, on the chairmanship of the Committee on Laws and Supervision, but I do feel that if I was to be laid to one side, that the mantle should have reverted to the one, the decendant whose lineage I interrupted, or that if the "bar sinister" was to be placed upon the escutcheon, I should not have been humiliated by being placed in juxtaposition to one whose native aphorism, in its application, rises no higher than the female canine, and who practically stands to-day, convicted of an offence both against the Order and society.

On receiving the resignation of Brother Kennedy the

Grand Chancellor appointed Brother Garnsey to fill the vacancy.

He soon received a reply very much to the same effect as the communication from Brother Kennedy, in which he declined to serve in any capacity during the administration then existing. He further made use of very strong language in regard to the conduct of Brother Roper and made several very serious accusations against him.

To these communications Brother Roper makes no reply. Nevertheless in his report he says:

> If there is any meaning in the terms, "improper conduct, violation of the obligation, established principles, rule or regulations, or conduct unbecoming a Knight," then I think, my brother Knights, these documents must impress you as being beyond mitigation.

He then goes on to produce documentary evidence to a considerable extent to reveal a mutinous spirit manifested by the before-mentioned Past Grand Chancellors.

The committee to which this was referred reported:

> That we deem the offences therein set forth of the gravest character and meriting the severest condemnation.

Three Lodges have surrendered their charters during the year and seventeen new ones have been established. These all start with a brilliant prospect.

The Grand Chancellor rendered fifty-three decisions, mostly of a local character.

The Order seems to be prospering here, numerically and financially. The outlook never seemed so bright as at the present time. The membership, now 1026, shows a gain of 864. The treasury also shows a gain of $1500.

Henry P. Caldwell was elected Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

DELAWARE.

The Grand Lodge met in its fifteenth annual session at Wilmington, October 25th, 1882. The meeting was called to order by Grand Chancellor Thamas N. Freeman, and Representatives were found to be present from twelve Lodges.

Affairs here seem to be moving along very smoothly. There could certainly be but very little discord among the officers and members, as the Grand Chancellor had had no decisions to render. We conclude either that they live in peace and harmony, with no cause for dispute, or that they settle their disagreements among themselves.

The dedication of the Castle Hall of Adelphia Lodge, located at New Castle, occurred May 1, 1882. The occasion was a pleasant one to all and an event to be long remembered. We quote from the report of the Grand Chancellor as follows:

> I am proud to say that the display made on the occasion of the dedication of the Castle Hall of Adelphia Lodge, No. 8, of New Castle, on the first of May, was not only a credit to the Lodges and Divisions participating in the parade, but it was a credit to the Order at large. * * * The Castle Hall of Adelphia Lodge, No. 8, is a handsome structure as it stands to-day, and represents a capital investment of $13,000.

Divisions of the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, were present from Baltimore and Philadelphia. After the Knights had paraded through the principal streets of the city the ranks were broken and the hall soon filled. The dedicatory exercises were conducted by Supreme Chancellor George W. Lindsay, assisted by the officers of the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

The Grand Lodge is in a good financial condition. The sum of $2,347.00 has been paid for relief, and the amount on hand and invested is $20,349.79. There are at present sixteen Lodges, with a membership of 1143.

S. J. Willey, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The thirteenth annual session was holden at Wheeling, October 17th, 1882.

Grand Vice Chancellor W. T. Heaton assumed the duties of Grand Chancellor. Grand Chancellor William T. Logan was reported by the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal as sick and unable to attend the session. Ten Lodges were represented.

Shortly after the opening of the Grand Lodge a resolution was offered and adopted for an adjournment to the Castle Hall of Black Prince Lodge, which was more commodious and better adapted to the convenience of the grand body.

From the report of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Rufus J. Smith we glean the following:

Number of Lodges instituted during the year,	1
Number of Lodges forfeiting charter,	1
Present number of Lodges,	18
Total number of members, last report,	714
Present number of members,	723
Amount paid to widows and orphans,	$119 50
Paid for burying the dead,	54 00
Amount of cash on hand,	3,805 74

We can learn very little of the state of the Order, there being no report from the Grand Chancellor.

The grand body was in session for two days, and then adjourned to meet in the city of Wheeling on the third Tuesday in October, 1883.

MICHIGAN.

The Grand Lodge of Michigan assembled in their tenth annual session, at Jackson, July 25th, 1882.

The Grand Chancellor, Chas. A. Mack, renders only six decisions, and these are either of a local character or decided by a reference to the Official Digest.

He speaks as follows of the donation made to the Grand Lodge of Michigan by Nevada:

> Without any request whatever they forwarded to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of this jurisdiction the sum of two hundred and five dollars and ten cents, less exchange fifty cents, leaving a total of two hundred and four dollars and sixty cents.

This occurred when all sections of our country were horrified by the results of a frightful fire which raged through the most thriving portion of the State.

Affairs here are moving on smoothly. Prosperity, both numerical and financial, are theirs.

During the past year Eureka Lodge No. 2, of Grand Rapids, was resuscitated, and Damon Lodge No. 38, of Montague, instituted.

The membership, June 30th, 1881, was 1028, with twenty-four Lodges; December 31st, 1881, the number of Lodges was twenty-six, with a membership of 1117.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence give us a

well-written and studied report. H. S. Sanford is chairman of this committee.

George S. Lyon, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

KENTUCKY.

The fourteenth annual session was held at Owensboro, October 10th and 11th, 1882.

The Grand Chancellor filled by appointment five vacancies, after which the Grand Lodge was opened in due form and declared ready for the transaction of business.

Anchor Lodge No. 40, located at Glasgow Junction, has become defunct.

We clip the following from the report of Brother Minott, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal:

> The year just closed has been one of inactivity, as far as the Order in this section is concerned. We have not increased our membership nor added any new Lodges, but to the contrary, have lost some of our Lodges by consolidation, though but a small portion of the membership.
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> Notwithstanding the facts as above stated, we can, however, congratulate ourselves upon the good condition of the finances of both the Grand and Subordinate Lodges, and the good class of material with which our Order in this State is composed.

It is true this is not encouraging, but Pythianism, like everything else, must have its rests, as in this way prosperity is the more keenly appreciated when it comes.

The following is an abstract of the financial standing in this jurisdiction:

Amount on hand and invested June 30, 1882,	$16,222.79
Amount paid for relief of all kinds,	2,911.22
Balance in hands of Grand Master of Exchequer,	327.08
Increase of Grand Lodge funds,	114.61

Thr total membership is estimated to be 1663, and the number of Lodges twenty-seven. Four Lodges have consolidated into two.

Supreme Representatives Wellenrose and Blackwell submit an excellent report, showing how wise was this grand body in choosing such men to represent them at the sessions of the Supreme Lodge.

The doings of the Grand Chancellor must have been in complete harmony with the minds of the members, as his actions and decisions were in every case approved.

J. D. Powers, Grand Chancellor; S. C. Minott, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

COLORADO.

The journal that comes to us this year contains the proceedings of the 3d, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th annual sessions, in one volume.

The third annual session met at Denver, September, 1878.

The jurisdiction consisted of nine Lodges, with a membership of 348.

The fourth annual session met at Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, September 17th and 18th, 1879.

Two Lodges were organized this year and one surrendered its charter.

The fifth annual session was held at Denver, September 15th, 1880.

Grand Chancellor McKinley delivered a very short report, in which he spoke of the institution of one new Lodge and the surrender of the charter of another.

The sixth annual session met at Golden, September 21st, 1881. Twelve Lodges were represented.

The Grand Chancellor expresses his opinion in favor of the visitation of Lodges, and such was his intention; but after further consideration, and in view of the large expenditure of time and money necessary to carry out the design and accomplish the work, he deemed it at that time unwise to attempt it.

One Lodge had surrendered its charter and effects since the last session.

Soon after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge, Centennial Lodge was reorganized. Four new Lodges were instituted and the Grand Chancellor issued dispensations for two more.

The Order in this State made substantial progress during this term, several of the Lodges having largely gained in membership and none showing a decline.

There was no report from the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

A special session was holden October 25th, 1881, for the purpose of looking into the doings of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, T. H. Fisher. It would seem that he had not given satisfactory evidence of his honesty in all matters, there being quite a sum due the Grand Lodge which he could not account for. The committee appointed to investigate the conduct of the aforesaid T. H Fisher, presented the following, which was adopted:

We, your committee appointed to investigate, * * * would recommend that charges he preferred against the late Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, as follows:

First, Inattention to the duties of the office of Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, for the term ending Sept. 21, 1881.

Second, Embezzlement of the funds of this Grand Lodge.

Third, Not surrendering to his successor in office all the property of this Grand Lodge.

The seventh annual session was held at Denver, September 20th, 1882.

The Grand Chancellor draws a contrast between the conduct of the former Grand Keeper of Records and Seal and the present one, J. A. McGee. During the entire year previous T. H. Fisher had not turned over to the Grand Master of Exchequer one single dollar. This year what a contrast — the Grand Lodge out of debt and a small sum in the exchequer.

Grand Chancellor J. M. Morris gives an excellent address. He speaks of his official acts in general and of the results attending them, and mentions the institution of a new Lodge.

The report of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal contains matter mostly of local importance.

NEW JERSEY.

The fifteenth annual session was held at Trenton, February 15th and 16th, 1882.

The Grand Chancellor granted dispensations for five new Lodges.

We gather from the Proceedings a general idea of advancement in the Order. Its numbers are increasing and they are mostly composed of the solid men of the community. The exchequer does not languish and things are in a better state than ever before. This is due of course in a great degree to the management of the officers.

The Endowment Rank is prospering under its present

management, which shows that our brothers here know how to appreciate a good thing.

The total membership, December 31st, 1881, was 5909, making an increase for the year of 798. This is certainly encouraging and should spur the brothers on to renewed exertions.

Eugene V. Lorton, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

CONNECTICUT.

The Grand Lodge held its fourteenth annual session in Middletown, February 21st, 1882.

The Grand Chancellor, under the head of "State of the Order," speaks to a greater or less extent of each district, and in every case the report is encouraging. The gain favorably affects the finances as well as the membership.

The Grand Chancellor has been faithful in his services to the Grand Lodge. He has visited every Lodge once at least and many twice.

The Proceedings contain much of interest, but mostly concerning those in that jurisdiction.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence issue their maiden effort. This document does credit to those concerned in its preparation. Rev. Brother R. T. Widdemer, Grand Prelate, is chairman.

We learn from the report of Brother H. O. Case, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, that the present number of Lodges is twenty-four, one having been reinstated. The increase in membership is 77, making the present membership 1635.

We are glad to notice that our Brothers here are exer-

cising more vigilance in regard to the admission of members to their ranks than was their practice in years past. Twelve applicants have been refused admission during the past year.

TENNESSEE.

This Grand Lodge assembled in annual session for the eleventh time, in the city of Memphis, February 14th, 1882. Fifteen Lodges were represented.

Neither the Grand Prelate nor the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal were able to be present at this session.

One new Lodge has been established at Paris, but only after the most energetic work. But yet each member feels paid for his exertions in bringing a Lodge into existence that promises well and will bring honor to their names as well as to the Order.

Considered as a whole there has not been much numerical growth in the year now past, but financially they have been somewhat blessed. The present amount on hand is $6,002.98. The amount expended was $8,306.29. The gain in membership was 95, making a total of 1819.

The Grand Chancellor stated that the health of Brother Thompson, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, necessitated his absence from the convention.

There seems to be nothing of special interest to the Pythian world in general contained in the volume.

After a three days session the grand body adjourned without day.

KANSAS.

The eleventh annual convention was held at Leavenworth, May 16th and 17th, 1882.

Prosperity has smiled on our brethren here. Grand Chancellor J. H. Lyon has been untiring in his efforts for the advancement of the Order. That his labors were appreciated is evident, for at the close of the installation of officers he was, on behalf of the Subordinate Lodges, presented with a handsome and costly Past Grand Chancellor's uniform and a beautiful solid gold Past Grand Chancellor's jewel During his administration thirteen new Lodges were instituted and one charter revoked.

The Grand Chancellor's report is a short document, but it tells the whole story. Of the Endowment Rank he says that it has not increased as much as he desired to see it, but that more interest is taken in it than heretofore. He urges the attention of the different Lodges to it.

From Brother Newbert's report we learn that the total receipts from all sources were $3,319.91.

Brother Newbert was presented with a beautiful gold watch, at the end of the session, showing the regard in which he was held by his brother officers and Knights.

The total number of Lodges is forty-nine, with a membership of 1820, an increase of 196 during the year.

The principal document of the journal is the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. Perhaps the document prepared by this committee will cause as much comment as anything done in any of our sister grand jurisdictions.

We enjoy a bit of pleasantry as well as anyone, and some of Brother Bartlett's jokes we can endorse; but in our opinion he often overshoots the mark, if the Brother will pardon the expression, in trying to get ahead of others. Truly we are at a loss to know what he means, when he says that the Committee of New Hampshire "kindly gave Kansas a report of five lines." If there is a joke here we fail to comprehend it. As for actual count there are nineteen lines. Further he says that the salary of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal was raised to $100.00, what it was before, he is ashamed to say. Now the Brother has gained a misconception entirely of our views and plans. What it was before we are not ashamed to say, but as it has already been stated in other journals, we do not see the necessity of constantly bringing before the public what it was in years past.

Our Kansas Brethren review the journals of twenty-seven States.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The proceedings of this convention come to us in a neat pamphlet of 236 pages. It met at Harrisburg, August 15, 1882, and was in session four days.

This, the banner jurisdiction, has increased in membership during the year past, 2,385, making a total of 31,794. This is truly encouraging, and financially they are whole and with considerable laid by.

The spirit of contention which has prevailed here to some extent in former years has, we are happy to say, en-

tirely disappeared. Everything appears to be in that happy state called peace.

The Grand Chancellor says:

Throughout the length and breadth of the jurisdiction, the workings of the Order have been so harmonious, that it scarcely leaves me material for my report, and certainly nothing of an unpleasant character.

By the laws of the Supreme Lodge, the election of an additional Representative in that body is allowed for any fraction over 30,000 members. Consequently a committee was appointed to enquire into the laws of the Supreme and Grand Lodge bearing on this subject, and to report to the Grand Lodge at this session, any information that may be necessary to determine the question of the validity of the election of an additional Representative to the Supreme Lodge at this term.

There are at present thirty-nine Sections of the Endowment Rank in Pennsylvania. There are nine Divisions of the Uniform Rank.

Eleven new Lodges have been instituted, three reorganized, and eight dissolved.

Suitable resolutions were offered to the memory of Brothers Joseph Dowdall and W. Bryce Thompson.

Brother Dowdall was born in Centerville, Crawford County, Pa., June 3d, 1824.

We receive an excellent report from Brother George Hawkes, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

It is short and business like, but contains a great matter in a nut-shell.

He speaks of the death of Brother Dowdall, and refers to some extent to his usefulness to the Order and the world in general.

The following tribute wss offered to the faithfulness of the retiring Grand Chancellor, Brother Smith D. Cozens:

We must heartily approve of the action of the retiring Grand Chancellor, in the great interest he has evinced in the building up and the advanced

prosperity of our noble Order, during the term of his official administration, as the exeeutive officer of the Grand Lodge.

NEW YORK.

The annual convention was held at Saratoga Springs, July 25th, 26th and 27th.

These Brothers of the Empire State have not been idle surely; for during the year they have added to themselves about 1,000 members. There are at present one hundred and twenty-eight Lodges, with a membership of 6,506. Fourteen new Lodges were instituted and four suspended.

The Grand Chancellor, Thomas R. Hicks, made one hundred and fifty-seven visits in the limited time he could call his own.

Of his faithfulness the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal says:

> It is a pleasure to record for this year a large increase in Lodges and membership, in both respects about equal to that of last year. These results are mainly due to the zeal and activity of our chief executive officer, Grand Chancellor Thomas R. Hicks, who has fairly won and richly deserves great credit for such increase.

Brother Hicks rendered sixteen desisions, all of which were of a local character, or else were established in our own jurisdiction.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence favor us with a well-written report, in which they review the journals of twenty-nine Grand Lodges, taking up the principal points of interest, passing judgment on the decisions and

actions of the different Grand Lodges, and giving praise where deserved.

John J. Akers, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal.

CONCLUSION.

The foregoing report is respectfully presented, with all its imperfections. We have intended to review the Proceedings of every grand jurisdiction which has favored us with a copy of its journal, and none have been intentionally omitted. We return thanks to the several Grand Keepers of Records and Seal who have sent us copies of their printed Proceedings, and hope to hear from others which have thus far failed to report.

Fraternally submitted.

FRANK J. PILLSBURY,
ASA A. FOX,
OLIVER P. RICKER,
Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

REPORT

OF

Supreme Representatives.

1882.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of New Hampshire:

BROTHERS: We, your Representatives to the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias of the World, would beg leave to present the following report, as from that body:

The twelfth session of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, was held in Merrill Hall, Detroit, Michigan, August 22d to August 30th inclusive. The attendance was large, every jurisdiction being represented.

On Tuesday morning, August 22d, the officers and representatives marched from the Russell House to Merrill Hall, where they were received by the Grand Lodge of Michigan in a courteous manner, and welcomed by Grand Chancellor John R. Bennett, in a speech abounding with eloquence, which was responded to by the Supreme Chancellor, George W. Lindsay. The Supreme Lodge was then called to order, and after a short session of two hours adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock A. M. of the 23d.

THE PARADE.

It has been our good fortune to be present at many parades of our Order, but we doubt if there has ever been one

excelling that given in Detroit at this time. Soon after 3 o'clock the procession left the Grand Circus Park, headed by the excellent band of the 14th Ohio Regiment, followed by some of the best Uniformed Divisions of the Order, behind which came the Supreme Lodge in carriages. There were some two thousand uniformed Knights in line, with fourteen bands of music. The marching was executed in a manner that called forth remarks of the highest commendation. We were all proud of our brother Knights and of being one with them. The route lay through the best portion of the city, which was profusely decorated with the colors of the Order together with mottoes of welcome. The parade was conducted in a prompt and efficient manner, the police arrangements were excellent, and the whole reflected great credit upon those having the affair in charge. It was estimated that on that occasion there were fifty thousand visitors in the city, and this vast throng, together with the brilliant decorations, made Detroit present a gala appearance. The prize drill took place on Wednesday the 23d, but on account of the business of the session your Representatives were unable to be present. All honor to the brave Knights of Michigan, and to the committee, who labored so faithfully for the comfort and happiness of the visiting brothers. May they live to enjoy many such seasons of unbounded pleasure. Brother Knights, we thank you all for your kindness and devotion.

A large amount of business was transacted at this session, which was harmonious, and filled with pleasant and knightly courtesies.

The following are the most important decisions and changes of law:

DECISIONS.

Has a D. D. G. C., appointed by tbe G. C. to institute a new Lodge, the right to deputize another P. C. to perform the duty? Ans. No.

A Brother being convalescent, but unable from weakness to resume his daily avocation, is he entitled to benefits? Ans. A Brother who is unable to attend to any business whereby he may gain a livelihood, is entitled to benefits.

The offices of Keeper of Records and Seal, and Master of Finance, must be filled by two different persons.

Has a Grand Lodge the right to issue clearance certificates in lieu of Withdrawal Cards? Ans. No. To the Supreme Lodge belongs the exclusive right to furnish all Forms, Rituals, Ceremonies, Cards, Charters, and Certificates, and to provide and print the same.

A Grand Chancellor being charged with an offence, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, the charges were presented to the Grand Vice Chancellor. Who appoints the committee of investigation? Ans. The Grand Vice Chancellor appoints a majority, and the Grand Prelate, being the third officer next to the Grand Chancellor, appoints a minority. Journal of 1878, p. 1573.

Is it required of a member of the Order, legally entitled to admission to a Subordinate Lodge, to have a Travelling Shield to visit outside his own jurisdiction. Ans. No. A Travelling Shield is a letter of credit of good standing. A Brother has the right to visit any Lodge if he is in possession of the S. A. P. W., but a Chancellor Commander can demand that the Brother show an Official Receipt or the Travelling Shield, if he has any doubts concerning the admission of the Brother.

In taking a ballot for an applicant, the C. C. and V. C. shall inspect the ballot, and the C. C. shall announce the result to the Lodge.

Can a Subordinate Lodge collect fines from its members? Ans. It shall be lawful for Grand Lodges to permit Subordinate Lodges under their jurisdiction to deny weekly benefits, except the minimum benefit of one dollar per week, to any member in arrears for fines or assessments, other than funeral assessments, they being already provided for under the former action of the Supreme Lodge. See Journal, pp. 1611 and 1650.

Are attendants regular officers of a Subordinate Lodge? Ans. No.

Can a Subordinate Lodge legally elect a Knight to the office of Vice Chancellor, or Chancellor Commander, without previous service in a lower office, if all decline who are qualified and present at the convention when nominations are made? Ans. Yes, provided there is no local legislation to the contrary. See Official Digest, § 43.

Is a Grand Chancellor, who has served a full year and is every way qualified under the law, and whose successor has been duly elected but not yet installed, an eligible candidate for the position of Supreme Representative? Ans. No. See Official Digest, § 405.

It is inexpedient to adopt a side degree for the wives and daughters of brother Knights.

A committee of three was appointed to prepare proper ceremonies for the laying of corner-stones, to report at the next session.

Hon. R. E. Cowan, P. G. C. and S. R., was appointed to revise and complete an Official Digest, to include the laws,

decisions, and enactments of the present session of the Supreme Lodge, the same to be submitted to the Supreme Chancellor, and when approved by him to be published under the supervision of the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal.

A Ritual of Sorrow was adopted.

The Revised Ritual reported to the Supreme Lodge was adopted, the same to be sold to Subordinate Lodges in exchange for those now in use at $2.50 per set.

The following amendments were adopted, having laid over one session:

Amend Article XXXII of the Supreme Lodge Constitution by adding the words, "Amendments to the Constitution may be considered and disposed of at the session at which they are offered, provided the unanimous consent of the Representatives present be given for their consideration."

Add to Sec. 1, Art. IV, the following, "Committee on the Endowment Rank, Committee on the Uniform Rank."

Strike out all of Sec. 12, and in lieu thereof insert the following: "Sec. 12. The Committee on the Endowment Rank shall examine into all matters pertaining to that Rank, and all such matters (except those pertaining to finance) as may be referred to them by the Supreme Officers. They shall meet at least five days prior to the assembling of every session of the Supreme Lodge.

Sec. 13. The Committee on Uniform Rank shall examine and report upon such matters as may be referred to them, and such portions of the reports of the Supreme Officers as may relate to the Rank, and recommend such measures for the good of the Rank as they may think the circumstances require.

Sec. 14. Each of the above committees shall consist of five members, and when serving on actual work during a recess, by order of the Supreme Lodge or of the Supreme Chancellor, shall have the same pay as Supreme Representatives."

The resolution of Bro. W. E. Moore, presented at the last session, was taken up, with several of like character, and indefinitely postposed. Your senior Representative, being on the Committee on Laws and Supervision, was not present at this time and was unable to use his influence for its adoption.

The following recommendations of the Committee on the Endowment Rank were adopted:

That the Medical Examiner-in-Chief be a member of the Endowment Rank and of the Supreme Lodge.

That the Medical Examiner-in-Chief keep a complete register of all applications passed upon by him.

That a blank form of certificate of qualification be furnished by Medical Examiners.

All members of the Order under sixty years of age may now become members of the third class E. R. without regard to the time when they became members of the Order.

That a member of the Endowment Rank who is more than six months in arrears for dues to his Lodge is not entitled to the benefits of said Endowment Rank.

That a Brother cannot be admitted to the Endowment Rank unless he can comply with every letter of the laws of said Rank, and the Supreme Chancellor has no power to grant a dispensation to otherwise admit him.

That the President of a Section is the only one to instruct a candidate of the Endowment Rank.

That a brother paying his assessment the day after it became due should have the same returned. If he had

died on that day he would not receive the benefit.

That there is but one Card in the Endowment Rank, and that is called a Clearance Card.

A member who pays up all demands and withdraws, and at the end of three or four years desires to return to his Section, shall pay the same amount as any other applicant.

A member from one class in the Endowment Rank desiring to join another class must be balloted for and pass another medical examination; but if a Brother desires to enter both classes at the same time, one medical examination will suffice.

That Secretaries and Treasurers have no right to collect assessments from members who are in arrears to their Lodge for six months dues.

The fee of the local Medical Examiner *may be* increased by the Section to an amount not to exceed two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50.)

A President of a Section has a right to instruct a Bro. of another Section in the P. W., upon the request of the Section to which the said Brother belongs.

A Brother having notified his Section ot his intention to withdraw from a certain class in such Section, or from the Rank, and having fully consummated such intention by actual withdrawal therefrom, previous to a certain assessment having been made, is not subject to notice of such assessment.

That the payment of the "advance assessment" and initiation fees are qualifications for membership, being for the benefit of the Endowment Rank.

The re-admission of a suspended member cannot be accomplished unless by payment of all assessments due at the time of such suspension, and accruing for ninety days thereafter.

That in States where the Endowment Rank is subjected to taxation by the civil laws, the several Sections therein shall defray said special tax; that action be taken at once to carry this view into effect, requiring the Sections to levy an equal tax upon the membership in said States.

That Article II, Section 1, of the Constitution of the Endowment Rank, be amended by adding thereto the following, to wit: "In addition to his duty as prescribed by the Ritual and Installation Service, the President or in his absence the Vice President, shall sign and certify to the correctness of all remittance blanks, and shall supervise the transmittal of all funds to the Supreme Master of Exchequer."

Only members of the Endowment Rank shall be eligible to membership on the committee of that Rank.

Strike out the last sentence of Section 1 of Article VI, and substitute therefor the following: "He shall forward with each remittance the remittance blank now in use, on which shall appear in addition the names of all new members."

Insert in Section 4 Article VI, Constitution of Endowment Rank, on page 12 and in line 15, next after the word "session," the following, "together with such recommendations concerning the Endowment Rank as he shall deem wise."

Add to Article V, Constitution of Endowment Rank, as a special section, the following: "Sec. 5. The Medical Examiner-in-Chief shall keep a complete register of all applications passed upon by him; said register shall contain all printed questions and written answers thereto contained in applications and medical examinations, together with a record of the final action of the Medical

Examiner-in-Chief. The necessary books for such register shall be furnished by the Supreme Master of Exchequer, out of the expense fund of the Endowment Rank. Such register shall at all times be subject to the inspection of the officers of the Supreme Lodge, or any committee thereof."

Strike out the entire proviso contained in Section 5, Article II, of laws governing medical examinations. (See p. 2080, Journal of 1880.)

Amend Section 4, Article VI, General Laws governing Endowment Rank, by striking out of said Section the words, "a negotiable draft," and substituting "his check duly certified."

The remaining recommendations your senior Representative is unable to report upon, being at the last day of the session confined to the sick chamber of Bro. Davis; but as all changes of the law are soon to be published the brothers will be in possession of all the facts.

A special committee was appointed to prepare a new law governing the Endowment Rank, looking to the abolishing of all the Sections and putting the business of the Sections under direct control of each jurisdiction, said committee to report at the next session.

The following officers were elected and installed for the ensuing term:

Past Supreme Chancellor, George W. Lindsay, of Maryland; Supreme Chancellor, John P. Linton, Pennsylvania; Supreme Vice Chancellor, John Van Valkenburg, Iowa; Supreme Prelate, L. B. Allen, Virginia; Supreme Master of Exchequer, John B. Stumph, Indiana; Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, John J. Ward, Maryland; Supreme Master-at-Arms, George B. Shaw, Wisconsin; Supreme

Inner Guard, G. G. Manlove, Mississippi; Supreme Outer Guard, John W. Thompson, Washington, D. C.

Your Reprentatives were placed upon committees, the senior upon Laws and Supervision, the junior upon that of the Uniform Rank.

The Committee on Laws and Supervision, having a large amount of work to do, were debarred from being present at all the sessions, and if anything has been omitted from the report this fact will account for it. At the evening session, held for action upon deceased members, your senior Representative was absent, but our token of respect to our late Brother, Albert Story, was sent in and read with those of other Brothers, and the same will be sent to the family of our departed Brother.

In making up this report we have given those changes of law which more especially affect our own jurisdiction. There were some changes in the Uniform Rank which are not reported here, but which will appear in the printed Journal in full.

Hoping this will be acceptable to you all, we remain,

Fraternally yours,

FRANK E. ROLLINS,
CHARLES M. LANG,
Supreme Representatives.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT,

SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE ORDER IN NEW HAMPSHIRE,

JANUARY 1, 1883.

NAME.	LOCATION.	Night of Meeting.	Initiated during the Term.	Reinstated.	Admitted by Card.	Suspended.	Withdrawn by Card.	Died.	Total Membership Jan. 1, 1883.	Balance on Hand at close of previous year.	Received from Initiations and Ranks.	Received from Dues.	From other sources.	TOTAL RECEIPTS.	Relief of all kinds.	Grand Lodge tax paid.	Paid for Supplies.	Current Expenses.	TOTAL EXPENSES.	Balance on Hand at close of year.
Pioneer	Newmarket.	Thurs.	2			1			46	255 78	15 00	110 00	12 00	392 78	18 00	19 40	9 37	68 62	115 39	277 39
Swamscott	Exeter.	Mon.				1		1	38	46 16		155 00	121 00	322 16	30 00	15 60	2 00	206 07	253 67	68 49
Granite	Manchester.	Mon.	5	3	1	4	2		122	377 96	85 00	475 00	19 63	957 59	387 50	48 60	12 12	160 02	608 24	349 35
Merrimack	Manchester.	Fri.	6	4		9		3	71	20 19	110 00	351 25	3 01	484 45	212 00	29 60	84 68	139 69	465 97	18 48
Nashua	Nashua.	Wed.	11		1	5			96	256 42	165 00	292 00	195 00	908 42	297 25	34 00		390 89	722 14	186 28
Olive Branch	Dover.	Wed.	1			2		2	136	2326 03	27 00	530 00	435 67	3318 70	255 00	54 40	62 29	230 29	601 98	2716 72
Rising Sun	Rochester.	Thurs.	10	2		14	2	1	114	275 38	146 00	400 69	469 68	1291 75	314 73	47 80	4 50	274 45	641 48	650 27
Concord	Concord.	Wed.	5		1		1	1	112	931 44	97 00	459 80	391 25	1879 49	305 50	40 80	8 22	463 97	818 49	1061 00
Damon	Portsmouth.	Tues.	6	1		1	1		126	1250 81	121 00	461 19	153 42	1986 42	301 58	48 80	10 16	376 38	736 92	1249 50
Pawtuckaway	Epping.	Tues.							14	19 96		12 00		31 96		2 80		9 20	12 00	19 96
Harmony	Farmington.	Tues.	16	1	1	10		2	150	1167 88	258 00	594 19	1709 11	3729 18	722 00	55 20	37 46	667 90	1482 56	2246 62
Oriental	Suncook.	Thurs.	1					1	48	386 28	25 00	136 00		547 28	40 00	18 40		130 01	188 41	358 87
Prospect	Great Falls.	Wed.				2			78	421 43		253 00	65 44	739 87	85 00	30 00	2 00	286 51	403 51	336 36
Hillsborough	Hillsborough Bridge.	Mon.	1			3	1		42	229 83	26 00	124 00	120 72	500 55	93 00	17 20	13 63	145 94	269 77	230 78
Morning Star	Milton Mills.	Fri.	8		1	1			63	147 88	137 50	131 15	12 21	428 74	51 00	19 60		116 62	187 22	241 52
Mt. Belknap	Laconia.	Mon.	1						71	287 86	15 00	155 00	74 49	532 35	123 00	26 60		88 65	238 25	294 10
St. Andrews	Franklin Falls.	Tues.	3	1		1		1	36	71 67	55 00	92 00	71 50	290 17	80 25	13 80	2 00	120 30	216 35	73 82
Wentworth	Newcastle.	Fri.	1						42	131 57	15 00	164 78	230 99	542 34	112 42	17 60		121 46	251 48	290 86
*Vermont	Rutland, Vt.		51	43	2		2	1	93		351 00	117 50		468 50	6 50	35 20	51 06	324 53	417 29	51 21
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